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In Brief

Alliance with Mystic Seaport extended

The alliance between Mystic Seaport, Connecticut's famed seventy-four-year-old Museum of America and the Sea, and NLS and its network of cooperating libraries has been extended for a third year. The initiative, which began in January 2002, sought to advance accessibility and expand outreach for museum visitors who are blind, visually impaired, or disabled. Among the key elements in the initiative is the free library pass program available to NLS patrons. The pass entitles two adults and their children or grandchildren under eighteen free admission to Mystic Seaport on the day of the week specified on the pass. The pass is valid year round. NLS patrons in Connecticut should contact the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Rocky Hill, Connecticut; and patrons in Massachusetts should contact the Braille and Talking Book Library in Watertown, Massachusetts, to arrange for their pass. Residents of all other states should contact NLS directly. E-mail <eore@loc.gov>, including your name, address, telephone number, and the date and day of the week you wish to visit the Seaport. You may also request a pass by mail from: Mystic Pass Coordinator, Publications and Media Section, NLS/BPH, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20542. Postal service to NLS in Washington is undependable, so write at least six weeks in advance.

Perkins Panda teaches literacy skills

Perkins School for the Blind has announced the upcoming launch of the Perkins Panda Early Literacy Program—a unique compilation of materials that teach fundamental early literacy skills to children who are blind or visually impaired and help parents to become involved in their child's development.

Perkins Panda is the central character in a set of three storybooks in uncontracted braille with high-contrast illustrations and tactile elements. The books are complemented by activity guides and cassettes featuring songs and stories written and performed by children's entertainer Odds Bodkins. A stuffed plush panda—with a backpack for carrying program materials, including a tape player if desired—is one of several available options.

The program has been designed for children from birth to eight years of age and the parents, families, and professionals who care for them; it is also intended for older children with multiple disabilities and for adults with visual impairments to use with sighted children.

The Perkins Panda Early Literacy Program is expected to be available in late April 2004. To learn more, visit the Perkins School web site <www.Perkins.org> and follow the link to "publications." To join the mailing list, place an order, or ask questions, call 800-972-7671 or e-mail <Perkins.Panda@Perkins.org>.

created a web site <www.loc.gov/nls/narrators/> where patrons can learn more about narrators of talking books in the NLS program.

Narrators determine individually whether to provide information. So far, several narrators affiliated with the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) and with the NLS Recording Studio have supplied information, including audio samples of noncopyrighted material. As more narrators provide data, it will be made available.

NLS narrators featured on web site. In response to many requests, NLS has

Books for Adults

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

Note: For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word “some” before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in “some strong language.”

Adult Nonfiction

What to Expect When You're Expecting **BR 14234**

by Heidi Murkoff and others
9 volumes

Third edition of the classic childbirth primer. Details the physical and emotional symptoms, medical tests, and procedures women are likely to experience before, during, and after pregnancy. Includes information on postpartum depression, breastfeeding, alternative birthing, diet, and chronic health conditions. 2002.

Facing Your Fifties: Every Man's Reference Guide to Mid-Life Health **BR 14283**

by Gordon Ehlers and Jeff Miller
4 volumes

Medical information for middle-aged men to help increase the odds of good health in later years. Chapters address common concerns of this age group, including cardiovascular and respiratory conditions, male menopause and prostate problems, stress and depression, and sports injuries. Advises on

medical testing, diet and lifestyle, and exercise. 2002.

Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Sex but Were Afraid to Ask

BR 14408

by David Reuben
4 volumes

Updated edition of classic text about human sexuality. Physician answers questions regarding anatomy, sexual intercourse, homosexuality, birth control, sexually transmitted diseases, menopause, and sex in later life. Explicit descriptions of sex. 1999.

History of Art for Young People

BR 14413

by H.W. Janson and Anthony F. Janson
9 volumes

Overview of painting, sculpture, and architecture in Europe and North America from prehistoric to modern times. Discusses concepts, events, movements, symbols, techniques, and major figures. For junior and senior high readers. 2003.

Between Church and State: Religion and Public Education in a Multicultural America **BR 14451**

by James W. Fraser
3 volumes

Examines the often thorny relationship between religious institutions and public schools since the seventeenth century. Explores literacy movements among African Americans and the impact of missionary work among Native Americans. Maintains that 1990s controversies over creationism and school vouchers indicate public ambivalence about secularism and its long-term impact on children. 1999.

Soul by Soul: Life inside the Antebellum Slave Market BR 14480

by Walter Johnson

4 volumes

Using nineteenth-century court records, planters' letters, former slave narratives, medical and agricultural journals, and financial statements, New York University history professor examines the slave market in the South, especially in New Orleans, the heart of the domestic slave trade. Discusses activities and relationships of traders, buyers, auctioneers, and slaves. 1999.

Battling the Inner Dummy: The Craziness of Apparently Normal People BR 14501

by David L. Weiner

5 volumes

Employing imaginary conversations with Sigmund Freud, the author (assisted by a psychiatrist) explains why people behave in an irrational and compulsive manner at times—even against their own better judgment. Asserts that everyone has some type of personality disorder, managed or concealed with different degrees of success. Examines possible treatments. Some strong language. 1999.

The Operagoer's Guide: One Hundred Stories and Commentaries BR 14508

by M. Owen Lee

3 volumes

Radio commentator for the Metropolitan Opera broadcasts, Father Owen Lee, presents his synopses and explanations of one hundred popular operas, from *Aida* to *Die Zauberflöte*. 2001.

Touch the Top of the World: A Blind Man's Journey to Climb Farther than the Eye Can See BR 14512

by Erik Weißenmayer

3 volumes

In this adventure-packed memoir, the author recalls rebelling against becoming blind at age fifteen. Relates acquiring a passion for mountaineering and developing the character traits that enabled him to succeed. Covers his climbing exploits and his wedding on top of Mount Kilimanjaro. Some strong language. 2001.

The Conquerors: Roosevelt, Truman, and the Destruction of Hitler's Germany, 1941–1945 BR 14533

by Michael Beschloss

4 volumes

Historian relates the political dilemmas facing the Allies during World War II, including the future of conquered Germany. American Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. urged harsh punitive measures in retaliation for Nazi crimes against European Jews, while others sought rehabilitation and the establishment of democracy to prevent further German aggression. Best-seller 2002.

Joy of Cooking Christmas Cookies BR 14554

by Irma S. Rombauer and others

2 volumes

Collection of over seventy-five recipes for various types of cookies including bar, drop, rolled, filled, shaped, and molded. Also shares recipes for icings and glazes and holiday drinks such as eggnog, hot cocoa, espresso, and mulled cider. 1996.

**Pillsbury Doughboy Family-Pleasing
Recipes: 170 Super-Fast and Easy Recipes
That Everyone Will Love BR 14562**

2 volumes

Recipes for quick, simple, and nutritious meals that are easy to prepare by all family members, including children, by using mostly packaged, frozen, and preserved items. 2001.

**A Girl Named Zippy: Growing Up Small
in Mooreland, Indiana BR 14575**

by Haven Kimmel

2 volumes

Memoir of growing up in the late 1960s and 1970s in a mid-America hamlet of three hundred people. Nicknamed "Zippy" (after a fast-moving chimpanzee on TV), the author recounts childhood incidents involving her family, best friend Julie, and school. In the process, she describes her community. Bestseller 2001.

**Almost There: The Onward Journey of a
Dublin Woman BR 14622**

by Nuala O'Faolain

2 volumes

Continuation of a memoir begun in *Are You Somebody?* (BR 11561). Irish journalist writes of her middle-age tension, swinging between wanting to be alone and being lonely. Describes moving to New York City and trying to write her first novel at age fifty-eight. 2003.

Abraham Lincoln BR 14625

by Thomas Keneally

2 volumes

A concise biography of the Civil War president. Discusses Lincoln's backwoods upbringing, storytelling gift, and entry into politics. Focuses on his presidency during a pivotal time in United States history. 2003.

**Teen Sunshine Reflections: Words for the
Heart and Soul BR 14627**

edited by June Cotner

1 volume

An interfaith collection of poems, prayers, and quotations for "comfort, motivation, encouragement," and positive thoughts. Includes inspiration from teenage writers and from spiritual leaders like Mother Teresa, Mahatma Gandhi, and the Dalai Lama. For junior and senior high readers. 2002.

Private Lives of Garden Birds

BR 14630

by Calvin Simonds

2 volumes (Reissue)

Naturalist and professor of ethology blends science and personal anecdotes to examine the behaviors of eleven common backyard bird species. Includes entries on the social organization of crows, the independence of female hummingbirds, and how to recognize individual blue jays by their facial expressions. 2002.

**To America: Personal Reflections of an
Historian BR 14637**

by Stephen E. Ambrose

3 volumes

Historian intersperses his personal story with reflections on American history. His topics include the transcontinental railroad, World War II, Native Americans, Vietnam, civil rights, and women's rights. Also describes well-known persons such as Washington, Lincoln, Lewis and Clark, Nixon, and Eisenhower. Bestseller 2002.

**The Day I Turned Uncool: Confessions of
a Reluctant Grown-Up BR 14644**

by Dan Zevin

1 volume

In a collection of humorous essays,

radio commentator Zevin explores aging from his twenties to his thirties and tells how he learned to find pleasure in the more mature world of golf, lawn maintenance, and wine tasting.

Some strong language. 2002.

Living History BR 14703

by Hillary Rodham Clinton

6 volumes

Former first lady's memoir of eight years in the White House that, she says, "tested my faith and political beliefs, my marriage and our nation's Constitution."

Discusses how she and President Bill Clinton faced political opposition, legal challenges, personal tragedies, and the scandal of the Monica Lewinsky case.

Bestseller 2003.

The Story of My Life BR 14704

by Helen Keller

4 volumes

The restored classic autobiography of an exceptional young woman and her companion, originally published in 1903, with 2003 commentary by editor Roger Shattuck. Helen Keller's own account of her transformation is followed by her teacher Anne Sullivan's record of their early years together and insights of Sullivan's husband, John Macy. 1903.

Adult Fiction

Assassins: Assignment, Jerusalem; Target, Antichrist BR 13924

by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins

3 volumes

Thirty-eight months have passed since the Rapture, and the Tribulation Force continue their resistance against Nicolae Carpathia, the Antichrist. As they await the sixth judgment, in which they expect two hundred million horsemen

to slay a third of the world's population, Rayford plots to assassinate the Antichrist. Sequel to *Apollyon* (BR 13923). Bestseller 1999.

The Blue and the Gray Undercover

BR 14145

edited by Ed Gorman

3 volumes

Short stories about Union and Confederate spies. In "Hobson's Choice," a captain from Tennessee decides to hang only one partner of an enemy couple. In "The Dead Line," an old man discovers that his wife, a Confederate spy who betrayed him, is alive—almost fifty years later. Some violence and some strong language. 2001.

The Remnant: On the Brink of Armageddon BR 14212

by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins

3 volumes

Rayford Steele and most members of the Tribulation Force are massed together in Petra, where Nicolae Carpathia, the Antichrist, drops two bombs that no one can survive without a miracle. Yet many do survive. Now all pretense is gone as the planet hurtles toward Armageddon. Sequel to *Destruction* (BR 13927). Bestseller 2002.

The Crimson Petal and the White

BR 14394

by Michel Faber

8 volumes

London, 1870s. Sugar, a nineteen-year-old prostitute in her mother's brothel, yearns for a better life that seems almost within reach when perfume magnate William Rackham settles her in a private apartment. Rackham's lust and Sugar's ambitions don't stop there. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller 2002.

Savannah Blues BR 14405

by Mary Kay Andrews

4 volumes

Thirty-something antiques dealer Weezie Foley is accused of murdering her ex-husband's fiancée after she discovers the body in an old plantation house. As Weezie and her friends and family investigate the sordid side of historic Savannah, Georgia, she falls in love with an old flame. Some strong language. 2002.

Lake in the Clouds BR 14406

by Sara Donati

6 volumes

Upstate New York, 1802. Nathaniel Bonner's half-Mohawk daughter, Hannah, hides a pregnant escaped slave from a bounty hunter—who was Hannah's childhood friend. Hannah, a healer, and her stepmother, Elizabeth, give refuge to other runaways heading to Canada. Sequel to *Dawn on a Distant Shore* (BR 13199). 2002.

The Healer: The O'Malley Series, Book 5 BR 14407

by Dee Henderson

3 volumes

Trauma psychologist Rachel O'Malley and firefighter Cole Parker are investigating murders that were committed during a flood evacuation in Chicago, when a school shooting occurs. Rachel's religious faith sustains her through many troubles, among them her sister Jennifer's cancer. Sequel to *The Protector* (BR 14103). 2002.

The Fall of Light BR 14411

by Niall Williams

3 volumes

Saga of the Foley family in nineteenth-century Ireland. Francis and his four sons, their mother gone, flee from their

tenant farm after Francis steals a telescope. When their father is presumed drowned, the four brothers eventually separate and find their own destinies at home and abroad. 2001.

True Friends BR 14432

by Robin Jones Gunn

1 volume

Sixteen-year-old Christy and her friend Katie head to the ski slopes of Lake Tahoe. Christy becomes part of the fast crowd. But Katie warns her of trouble and Christy remembers her religious values. Christy is also frustrated because she hasn't heard from Todd. For junior and senior high readers. 1993.

Starry Night BR 14433

by Robin Jones Gunn

1 volume

Sixteen-year-old Christy Miller feels insecure with her friends—especially with the guys. She is annoyed with her parents' Christmas plans, until she finds peace with the Lord one beautiful evening. For junior and senior high readers. 1993.

Seventeen Wishes BR 14434

by Robin Jones Gunn

1 volume

Christy Miller volunteers for a week as a camp counselor—but the girls are much wilder than she expects. She is relieved when one girl becomes a fervent Christian. For junior and senior high readers. 1993.

A Time to Cherish BR 14435

by Robin Jones Gunn

2 volumes

Seventeen-year-old Christy Miller is happy now that Todd has made a commitment to her. Then best friend Katie gets involved with the wrong boy, and pal Doug becomes more withdrawn.

Christy asks God to set things straight. For junior and senior high readers. 1993.

Sweet Dreams BR 14436

by Robin Jones Gunn

1 volume

Christy Miller and her friend Katie are glad to be finally graduating from high school. Christy is secure in her future with Todd while Katie, influenced by her boyfriend, is falling away from her faith. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

A Promise Is Forever BR 14437

by Robin Jones Gunn

1 volume

Eighteen-year-old college student Christy Miller travels to England on a missionary trip with her church youth group. When she is sent on to Spain, Christy is reunited with her former boyfriend Todd, and they realize that they are still in love. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

Until Tomorrow: Christy and Todd; the College Years, Book 1 BR 14443

by Robin Jones Gunn

2 volumes

Nineteen-year-old college student Christy Miller has been studying in Switzerland when her friends Katie and Todd join her for a vacation. Christy is jealous and unsure of her relationship with Todd—but puts her trust in God. For senior high and older readers. 2000.

Reversible Errors BR 14462

by Scott Turow

4 volumes

Kindle County attorney Arthur Raven is appointed to ensure that the decade-old murder case against retarded death row inmate Rommy Gandolph is airtight before Gandolph's execution in a

few weeks. But Raven uncovers problems with the evidence, and a dying inmate confesses to the crime. Strong language and some violence. Bestseller 2002.

The Don Flows Home to the Sea BR 14491

by Mikhail Sholokhov

7 volumes

An earthy epic of Cossack life during the Revolution traces the fortunes and misfortunes of the Cossacks in their grim battles with the Reds and the Whites. Sequel to *And Quiet Flows the Don* (BR 8137). The author was awarded the 1965 Nobel Prize for Literature. Violence and strong language. 1940.

December Six BR 14519

by Martin Cruz Smith

3 volumes

Harry Niles, an American con man and nightclub owner born in Japan and raised by Baptist missionaries, is considered a spy by the Japanese in 1941. He has a chance to escape, but is reluctant to leave behind his mistress. Some descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. 2002.

Blind Sighted BR 14522

by Peter Moore

2 volumes

Eleventh-grader Kirk Tobak is moody and bored with school, his alcoholic mother, and druggie friends. His job reading for an independent young blind woman, with whom he discusses his problems, gives Kirk new insights. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2002.

The Other Side of Dawn BR 14523

by John Marsden

3 volumes

The war to defeat Australia's invaders is drawing to a close. Ellie and her guerilla band of teenagers assist the liberators from New Zealand in a final assault. But peacetime resettlement isn't easy. Sequel to *The Night Is for Hunting* (BR 13778). Some violence. For junior and senior high readers. 1999.

Lucky in the Corner BR 14525

by Carol Anshaw

2 volumes

College student Fern resents her lesbian mother for breaking up the family. But when Fern's best friend Tracy has an illegitimate baby whom she gradually leaves more and more in Fern's care, Fern learns about the joys and pains of motherhood. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2002.

Shadow of Dreams BR 14527

by Eva Marie Everson and

G.W. Francis Chadwick

3 volumes

Katie returns to her mother's house in Georgia twenty-five years after she ran away to New York City. She leaves behind her husband, Ben Webster, and troubles with an escort service operating in their hotel chain. Katie's faith in God is restored even in the face of danger. 2001.

The Day the Music Died BR 14529

by Ed Gorman

2 volumes

Black River Falls, Iowa; 1958. Penniless novice lawyer Sam McCain investigates Judge Whitney's nephew, Kenny, who is accused of murdering his wife. Then Kenny kills himself, Sam's teenage sister says she's pregnant, and Buddy

Holly dies in an airplane crash nearby.

Some strong language. 1999.

Child of My Heart BR 14542

by Alice McDermott

2 volumes

Theresa, a beautiful fifteen-year-old girl, lives in East Hampton, Long Island, and takes care of children and pets for wealthy families during the beach season. She matures into a young woman the summer her sickly, eight-year-old cousin Daisy visits her from New York. Some strong language. 2002.

Fat Ollie's Book: A Novel of the 87th Precinct BR 14543

by Ed McBain

2 volumes

Councilman Lester Henderson is killed, and detective Fat Ollie Weeks, from *Money, Money, Money* (BR 13635), is at the murder scene when someone steals his manuscript from his police vehicle. Ollie leaves the investigation to detective Steve Carella while he searches for his novel. Violence and strong language. 2002.

Save the Last Dance for Me BR 14547

by Ed Gorman

2 volumes

Black River Falls, Iowa; 1960. Prior to a campaign stop by Richard Nixon, attorney Sam McCain searches for the murderer of a snake-handling preacher. When another of the town's holy men also succumbs to poison, McCain wonders if the two killings are connected. Some strong language. 2002.

The Mistress BR 14549

by Susan Wiggs

3 volumes

As fire rages across Chicago, October 8, 1871, Kathleen O'Leary, dressed in her

friend's finery, catches the eye of Dylan Kennedy, the supposedly rich gentlemen society is speculating about. On impulse, they marry. Neither is prepared for the truth. Sequel to *Hostage* (BR 14548). Some descriptions of sex and some violence. 2000.

Rising Phoenix BR 14556

by Kyle Mills

3 volumes

Televangelist Simon Blake declares war on drugs. His security head, former DEA agent John Hobart, infects illegal drug shipments with a lethal fungus. Amidst public approval of the vigilante behavior, FBI agent Mark Beamon, from *Free Fall* (BR 13237), investigates. Violence and strong language. 1997.

The Best Is Yet to Come BR 14559

by Judith Gould

3 volumes

After Carolina Mountcastle's husband dies, she discovers that he had a mistress and child in Amsterdam. She survives the emotional shock and subsequent sabotage of her flower business with the help of Seth Foster, one of her customers. Explicit descriptions of sex. 2002.

Ignorance BR 14581

by Milan Kundera

1 volume

Kundera explores memory, homeland, nostalgia, and sex in his novel about Czech émigrés returning after long absence to post-Communist Prague. Irena's arrival in Prague from Paris coincides with Josef's from Denmark, but their reactions to events differ. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2002.

Goodbye Tsugumi BR 14582

by Banana Yoshimoto

2 volumes

Maria Shirakawa spends a summer with her spoiled, invalid cousin Tsugumi at the family's seaside inn. Tsugumi falls in love, pushes her limits, and suffers a health crisis. Maria comes to understand her home, family, and special relationship with Tsugumi. Some strong language. For senior high and older readers. 1989.

Light in Shadow BR 14598

by Jayne Ann Krentz

3 volumes

Arizona. When interior designer Zoe Luce enters the bedroom her client wants decorated, she senses something bad happened in it. She hires detective Ethan Truax to verify her suspicions. But Zoe soon needs Ethan's services for herself when her past begins to catch up with her. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 2003.

The Tower at Stony Wood BR 14608

by Patricia A. McKillip

2 volumes

As the king of Yves prepares to marry the woman he believes is his beloved, the bard of Skye implores an impoverished knight, Cyan Dag, to find the true bride, who is trapped in a tower in Skye. Cyan undertakes the quest into dangerous magical realms. Nebula Award nominee. 2000.

Grail for Sale BR 14619

by Gerald Hammond

2 volumes

Scottish historian Jeremy Carpenter has been selling off family heirlooms to pay for the upkeep of his grandfather's castle and health. When he meets American

Hazel Tripp, an antiques restorer, he learns that he's been defrauded by the buyer. Together they hatch a scheme to outwit the swindler. 2002.

Postcards from No Man's Land

BR 14620

by Aidan Chambers

3 volumes

Jacob's first trip to Holland from England is both a personal adventure and a family responsibility to visit his grandfather's grave from World War II. His contemporary travels are juxtaposed with the experiences of Geertrui—the young woman who loved his grandfather in 1944. Some descriptions of sex. For senior high readers. Printz Award. 1999.

Hazard BR 14621

by Jo Beverley

3 volumes

Although Lady Anne Peckworth has been jilted twice, she remains optimistic. She takes matters into her own hands when it comes to finding a husband, especially after her brother comes for a visit—and brings along Race de Vere. Some strong language. 2002.

Bronx Masquerade BR 14623

by Nikki Grimes

1 volume

Tough students at a Bronx high school reveal their innermost thoughts, dreams, and fears during the monthly English class's Open-Mike Fridays. Through their expressions of rap, free verse, and rhymes, the students learn they are more alike than they are different. For junior and senior high readers. Coretta Scott King Award. 2002.

Naked at the Window BR 14626

by Bill James

2 volumes

When the neighborhood supplier of drug dealer Panicking Ralph Ember is murdered by London thugs, the discreet network of local drug traders is threatened. With budget cuts leaving zero-tolerance drug policies obsolete, detectives Harpur and Iles work to keep the peace. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 2002.

Silverhair: Mammoth Trilogy, Book 1

BR 14631

by Stephen Baxter

2 volumes

The mammoths have survived many springs, but their numbers are dwindling. Only one family remains, and Silverhair, soon to become a mother, looks to the future. But first, the mammoths must face the two-legged menace Silverhair calls the Lost. Prequel to *Longtusk* (BR 14632). 1999.

Longtusk: Mammoth Trilogy, Book 2

BR 14632

by Stephen Baxter

2 volumes

As a twelve-year-old renegade calf in his own clan, Longtusk senses his destiny to become a hero. Setting out on his own, he is captured by the Fireheads. Yet even in captivity Longtusk gathers the knowledge that will help him escape and return to his old clan. Sequel to *Silverhair* (BR 14631). 1999.

Icebones: Mammoth Trilogy, Book 3 BR 14633

by Stephen Baxter

2 volumes

When Silverhair's daughter, Icebones, awakens from a thousand-year sleep, she finds the world changed and the

Fireheads gone. Now the mammoths must once again survive on their own. It is up to Icebones, with her accumulated knowledge of their history, to lead them. Sequel to *Longtusk* (BR 14632). 2001.

City of Angels: Shannon Saga, Book 1
BR 14634

by Tracie Peterson and James Scott Bell
3 volumes

Los Angeles, 1903. Orphan Kit Shannon, with a New York law certificate, arrives in California to live with her wealthy great aunt Freddy. As criminal lawyer Earl Rogers's apprentice, Kit relies on her religious belief and successfully exposes a killer in her first trial. Prequel to *Angels Flight* (BR 14635). 2001.

Angels Flight: Shannon Saga, Book 2
BR 14635

by Tracie Peterson and James Scott Bell
3 volumes

Following *City of Angels* (BR 14634), lawyer Kit Shannon, with divine guidance, opens her own law office in 1904 Los Angeles. When she defends a Chinese woman suspected of prostitution and a Mexican laborer accused of assault, Kit learns about prejudice, while falling in love with aviator Ted Fox. 2001.

Angel of Mercy: Shannon Saga, Book 3
BR 14636

by Tracie Peterson and James Scott Bell
2 volumes

Los Angeles, 1904. Lawyer Kit Shannon reluctantly agrees to defend policeman Edward Hanratty on a murder charge. Kit also seeks divine help when her true love, Ted Fox, hasn't returned to the city and her aunt visits spiritualists. Sequel to *Angels Flight* (BR 14635). 2002.

Rumpole Rests His Case BR 14645

by John Mortimer

2 volumes

Collection of short stories featuring the British barrister in seven more cases. In the title piece, Rumpole collapses during a trial. Though his wife, Hilda, "She Who Must Be Obeyed," insists that he retire, he defends a wounded burglar he meets in the hospital ward. Some strong language. 2001.

The Queene's Cure: An Elizabeth I Mystery BR 14646

by Karen Harper

2 volumes

London, 1562. Elizabeth Tudor seeks the best physicians to conquer the pox and pestilence that threaten her life and that of her subjects. Someone is taunting the queen with a smallpox effigy, and her loyal staff struggles to find the culprit. Sequel to *The Twilight Tower* (BR 13610). 2002.

Hanging On to Max BR 14652

by Margaret Bechard

1 volume

Seventeen-year-old Sam decides to raise his baby, Max, himself when his girlfriend wants to put Max up for adoption. Sam struggles to finish high school and cope with single parenthood while wondering if his best is good enough for his son. For senior high readers. 2002.

Secrets and Other Stories of Suspense
BR 14655

by Carolyn Hart

2 volumes

Four short stories of intrigue and treachery. In the title piece, set in Oklahoma during World War II, twelve-year-old Gretchen works to clear her friend Millard of theft charges—but he joins

the service to escape. In "Turnaround," a Hollywood screenwriter discovers that her trophy husband plans to murder her. Some strong language. 2002.

Death of Riley BR 14657

by Rhys Bowen

2 volumes

New York City, 1901. Irish immigrant Molly Murphy, last seen in *Murphy's Law* (BR 14095), cajoles private investigator Paddy Riley to hire her as his assistant. When Paddy is murdered, Molly

gets a glimpse of the culprit and attempts to track him down. 2002.

Half in Love: Stories BR 14658

by Maile Meloy

1 volume

A collection of fourteen short stories set primarily in the rural American West. In simple, straightforward prose and with dramatic understatement, Meloy portrays her diverse characters in moments of crisis, upheaval, and change. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2002.

Books for Children

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

Children's Nonfiction

Bake the Best-Ever Cookies! BR 14410

by Sarah A. Williamson

1 volume

More than twenty-five step-by-step cookie recipes for beginning bakers. Suggests "Secret Treat Thumbprints" for a first cookie-baking experience. Includes such favorites as lemon squares, brownies, and snickerdoodles. Provides practical advice on basic equipment, ingredients, and preparation. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 2001.

The Hero's Trail: A Guide for a Heroic Life BR 14518

by T.A. Barron

1 volume

Explores the elements of heroism, including facing challenges with courage,

strength of character, and wisdom.

Mixes brief sketches of historic examples such as Anne Frank, Wilma Rudolph, and Helen Keller with those of ordinary kids who prevailed in emergencies. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2002.

Walt Whitman: A Biography BR 14524

by Milton Meltzer

1 volume

The life and times of the nineteenth-century American poet who who was profoundly affected by the Civil War. Includes excerpts from his major work, *Leaves of Grass* (BR 08420). For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2002.

The Cosmic Joker BR 14613

by Brian Innes

1 volume

Discusses occurrences that cannot be explained scientifically, such as manifestations of psychic powers, unusual disappearances, objects falling from the sky, and odd coincidences. Presents information about American writer Charles Fort,

who reported many such events through the 1920s. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1999.

Civil War A to Z: A Young Readers' Guide to over 100 People, Places, and Points of Importance BR 14642

by Norman Bolotin

1 volume

Compact encyclopedia of the 1861–1865 conflict covers 130 topics, from Abolitionists to Zouaves. Provides a broad overview of the era as well as personal anecdotes and engaging details. Includes eyewitness accounts of events and excerpts from key documents such as Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. For grades 5-8. 2002.

Helen Keller BR 14643

by Jane Sutcliffe

1 volume

Focuses on the early years of Helen Keller and how she learned to read, write, and sign with the help of her teacher Annie Sullivan. Grade 1 braille. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 2002.

Spiders BR 14776

by Stuart A. Kallen

1 volume

Factual information on the general characteristics of spiders—including habitat, body parts, and methods of catching their prey. Also describes how spiders spin a web and fight off attackers. For grades 4-7. 2002.

On the Same Day in March: A Tour of the World's Weather BR 15007

by Marilyn Singer

1 volume

A tour around the world, describing the weather and what's happening in differ-

ent places—all on the same day in March. PRINT/BRAILLE. For pre-school-grade 2. 2000.

Children's Fiction

Cinderella BR 14047

retold by Ruth Sanderson

1 volume

Although mistreated by her stepmother and stepsisters, kindhearted Cinderella manages to attend the palace ball with help of her fairy godmother. A retelling based on the French version by Charles Perrault, with some elements from the Brothers Grimm. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2002.

Stage Fright on a Summer Night: Magic Tree House, Book 25 BR 14359

by Mary Pope Osborne

1 volume

When the magic tree house takes Jack and Annie back to London in 1600, they meet William Shakespeare. He needs two boys to be actors in his play *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Jack is chosen, but has a bad case of stage fright. For grades 2-4. 2002.

Summerland BR 14395

by Michael Chabon

3 volumes

Eleven-year-old Ethan Feld, the least gifted ballplayer on Clam Island, is recruited to be a hero and defend the fairy-like ferishers in Summerland against giants, goblins, and a tough baseball team. He is assisted by his resolute friend, Jennifer T. Rideout, and assorted creatures. For grades 5-8 and older readers. Bestseller 2002.

ChaseR: A Novel in E-Mails BR 14409

by Michael J. Rosen

1 volume

Fourteen-year-old Chase Riley moves from Columbus, Ohio, to a farm where he encounters people and practices that seem strange. In a series of e-mails to his friends and sister, who is at college, he mocks his new surroundings. Gradually his perspectives change and he makes new friends. For grades 6-9. 2002.

Trouble at Fort La Pointe BR 14503

by Kathleen Ernst

1 volume

In 1732 twelve-year-old Suzette, an Ojibwe French girl living along Lake Superior, hopes her father wins the trapping contest so that he can quit being a *voyageur*—a pelt collector for the French fur-trading companies—and stay home. When he is accused of stealing, Suzette investigates to find the real thief. For grades 4-7. 2000.

Mystery at Chilkoot Pass BR 14504

by Barbara Steiner

1 volume

At the start of the Klondike gold rush in 1897, twelve-year-old Hetty travels to the Canadian mines with her family and their friends. But someone along the trail is stealing things from her family, and Hetty becomes determined to find the thief. For grades 4-7. 2002.

The Field of the Dogs BR 14509

by Katherine Paterson

1 volume

Josh feels like an outsider everywhere. Being a newcomer to Vermont with his mother, stepfather, and new baby brother, he's being bullied by a neighborhood boy. Then he discovers that his

dog, Manch (whom he thinks he hears talking with other dogs), faces a bully of his own. For grades 3-6. 2001.

Blubber BR 14511

by Judy Blume

1 volume (Reissue)

Jill goes along with the rest of the fifth-grade class in tormenting an overweight classmate they nickname Blubber. Then Jill finds out what it's like to be the outsider when she also becomes a target. For grades 4-7. 1974.

Thanksgiving on Thursday: Magic Tree House, Book 27 BR 14513

by Mary Pope Osborne

1 volume

The magic tree house takes Jack and Annie back to the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving celebration with the Wampanoag Indians. Preparing for the feast is harder than Annie and Jack realize and makes them even more thankful for living in modern times. For grades 2-4. 2002.

Hush BR 14515

by Jacqueline Woodson

1 volume

When Toswiah Green's family enter the witness protection program, they are uprooted from a comfortable life in Denver, breaking all ties with their past. They each respond to this identity crisis in different ways, while trying to start a new existence in unfamiliar circumstances. For grades 6-9. National Book Award finalist. 2002.

Happy Birthday, Danny and the Dinosaur! BR 14584

by Syd Hoff

1 volume

Danny invites his dinosaur friend to come to his sixth birthday party. When the dinosaur tells Danny that he is a

hundred million years and one day old, they share the party. For grades K-3. 1995.

On the Run: Left Behind—the Kids, Volume 10 BR 14591

by Jerry B. Jenkins and Tim LaHaye
1 volume

In this sequel to *The Search* (BR 14260), tragic news about friends sends Judd and Ryan to Israel to discover the truth. Back home, Vicki, Lionel, and the Young Trib Force plan another dangerous mission at Nicolae High. For grades 5-8. 2000.

Into the Storm: Left Behind—the Kids, Volume 11 BR 14592

by Jerry B. Jenkins and Tim LaHaye
1 volume

A grief-stricken Young Trib Force hears scary details about the future in this sequel to *On the Run* (BR 14591). While Judd hides, the others search for secret documents to use against the Global Community. For grades 5-8. 2000.

Earthquake! Left Behind—the Kids, Volume 12 BR 4593

by Jerry B. Jenkins and Tim LaHaye
1 volume

This sequel to *Into the Storm* (BR 14592) depicts events foretold in the Book of Revelation. The great “wrath of the Lamb” earthquake strikes the globe, and the friends in the Young Trib Force are scattered, wondering if they will ever reunite. For grades 5-8. 2000.

The Showdown: Left Behind—the Kids, Volume 13 BR 14594

by Jerry B. Jenkins and Tim LaHaye
1 volume

The death toll rises as the tremors subside in this sequel to *Earthquake!* (BR 14593). Victims—including Judd, Vicki, Lionel, and Ryan—struggle to re-

unite with family and friends. For grades 5-8. 2001.

Crispin: The Cross of Lead BR 14606

by Avi
2 volumes

In 1377 England, the manor steward falsely accuses a thirteen-year-old orphan of murder. Before he runs away, the boy learns his name from the village priest. On the road with Bear, a juggler, Crispin learns who his father is—and the reason the steward wants him dead. For grades 6-9. Newbery Medal. 2002.

Kaya's Escape! A Survival Story BR 14607

by Janet Shaw
1 volume

Fall 1764. After Kaya and her blind sister, Speaking Rain, are kidnapped from their Nez Perce village by enemy horse raiders, she tries to find a way to escape back home. Sequel to *Meet Kaya* (BR14539). For grades 2-4. 2002.

Bloody Jack: Being an Account of the Curious Adventures of Mary “Jacky” Faber, Ship's Boy BR 14624

by L.A. Meyer
2 volumes

England, 1797. Mary begs on the streets of London with a gang of fellow orphans. At thirteen she disguises herself as a boy and joins a British warship setting sail to search for pirates. Mary maintains her deception—even battling buccaneers. For grades 6-9. 2002.

My Father's Hands BR 15006

by Joanne Ryder
1 volume

A young girl enjoys examining the small creatures that her father finds in the garden and brings to her cupped in his hands. They share the wonders of a pink worm, a round beetle, a snail, and

a praying mantis. PRINT/BRAILLE.

For preschool-grade 2. 1994.

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble

BR 15008

by William Steig

1 volume (Reissue)

Frightened by an approaching lion,

Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock. Afterwards, Sylvester is unable to grasp the pebble and wish himself back to normal. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. Caldecott Medal. 1969.

Foreign Language Books

The following new title is available.

Spanish

Poirot Investiga (Poirot Investigates)

BR 14486

por Agatha Christie

2 volúmenes

Presentan once historias de casos solucionados por el sagaz detective belga, Hercule Poirot. Incluyen "La Aventura

de la Tumba Egipcia," "Tragedia en Marsdon Manor," "El Rapto del Primer Ministro" y "La Aventura del Noble Italiano." (Eleven mystery stories solved by the ingenious Belgian detective, Hercule Poirot. Includes "La Aventura de la Tumba Egipcia," "Tragedia en Marsdon Manor," "El Rapto del Primer Ministro," and "La Aventura del Noble Italiano.") 1925.

Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

Boys' Life (for children and teens, monthly)

Braille Book Review (bimonthly)

Braille Chess Magazine (British quarterly)

Braille Music Magazine (British monthly)

Conundrum (British monthly)

Cooking Light (10 issues)

ESPN: The Magazine (biweekly)

Harper's (literary; monthly)

Health Newsletters (includes **Harvard Health Letter**, **Mayo Clinic Health Letter**, and **University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter**; monthly)

Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine (monthly)

Ladies' Home Journal (monthly)

Martha Stewart Living (home and entertaining; 10 issues)

Muse (for children; 10 issues)

The Musical Mainstream (quarterly)
National Geographic (monthly)
The New York Times Large Type Weekly
 (weekly)
News (NLS quarterly)
Parenting (monthly except January and July)
PC World (personal computing; monthly)
Playboy (monthly)
Poetry (11 issues)
Popular Communications (monthly)
Popular Mechanics (monthly)
Popular Music Lead Sheets (irregular)
Rolling Stone (popular culture; 24 issues)
Science News (weekly)
Seventeen (for teens, monthly)
Short Stories (British monthly)

Spider: The Magazine for Children
 (monthly)
Stone Soup (children’s writings; 5 issues)
Update (NLS quarterly)
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The following sports schedules are also available:
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In Brief

New NLS publications

The Reference Section has announced the availability of two revised publications. The reference circular *Physical Disabilities: Information and Advocacy Organizations 2003* updates and supersedes the June 1994 circular *Physical Disabilities: National Organizations and Resources*, No. 94-01. It is available in regular print and online at <www.loc.gov/nls/reference/circulars/physical.html>.

A 2003 revision of the factsheet *Sources for Purchase of Cassette Players and Player-Recorders Compatible with Recorded Materials Produced by the National Library Service (NLS)* is now available in regular print and online at <www.loc.gov/nls/reference/factsheets/sources.html>.

Newsstand

The following announcements may be of interest to readers. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reserves the right to publish announcements selectively, as space permits. Items mentioned, however, are not part of the NLS program, and their listing does not imply endorsement.

Hadley School offers free courses. The Hadley School for the Blind offers a wide range of accessible courses that allow students to study in their own homes, at their own pace, completely free of charge. Hadley offers more than ninety teacher-guided distance education courses—everything from braille and independent living skills to technology, academics, and leisure pursuits. Founded in 1920, the Hadley School's accredited

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Adult Nonfiction

Robert's Rules of Order: Newly Revised BR 14142

by Henry M. Robert
8 volumes

First published in 1876, this tenth edition of the manual of parliamentary procedure still serves as the recognized guide to conducting meetings and participating effectively in them. Includes procedural information on using technology for teleconferences, videoconferences, and meetings by e-mail. 2000.

Great Vacations for You and Your Dog, USA, 2001–02 BR 14428

4 volumes

State-by-state listings of U.S. facilities that accept dogs. Categories include dog camps, ranches, resorts, hotels, lodges, cabins, and campgrounds. Includes a description of each entry, the pet policy, and the 2001–02 rates. Also gives suggestions for vacationing with a dog in five major cities and general tips on traveling. 2001.

Poems to Read: A New Favorite Poem Project Anthology BR 14510

edited by Robert Pinsky and
Maggie Dietz

3 volumes

Like the first anthology, *Americans' Favorite Poems* (BR 12771), this one includes poems selected by Favorite Poem Project participants with their comments. In addition, the editors chose some personal favorites and arranged the work into thematic sections. 2002.

The Road Less Traveled: A New Psychology of Love, Traditional Values, and Spiritual Growth BR 14516

by M. Scott Peck

3 volumes

Twenty-fifth anniversary edition of the 1978 classic psychological treatise concerning spirituality, self-actualization, maturation, and interpersonal relationships. Emphasizes mental and spiritual growth, love, and self-discipline. 1978.

Searching for Your Soul: Writers of Many Faiths Share Their Personal Stories of Spiritual Discovery BR 14526

edited by Katherine Kurs

5 volumes

Writings by more than fifty authors with a wide range of beliefs and backgrounds. Describes the quest for holiness; examines such issues as family, tradition, physical longings, and religious cultures that affect personal growth. Observes that the sacred life is more often a dynamic journey than a spiritual stasis. 1999.

Adaptive Technologies for Learning and Work Environments BR 14560

by Joseph J. Lazzaro

3 volumes

Describes in nontechnical terms how to increase one's independence by adapting personal computers for sensory,

physical, speech, and learning disabilities. Lists assistive equipment available on the market and describes the basics of computer hardware. Updates 1993 edition of the same title. 2001.

The Lore of Spices: Their History, Nature, and Uses around the World
BR 14564

by J.O. Swahn
2 volumes

A cultural history of spices with botanical facts, advice on usage, anecdotes, and a few recipes. Grouped by geographical origins—European, East Indies, and New World—spices covered range from mustard, onions, and mint to ginger, cinnamon, coriander, sesame, vanilla, and the universals, sugar and salt. 1991.

The Day I Fired Alan Ladd and Other World War II Adventures **BR 14588**

by A.E. Hotchner
1 volume

Playwright lightheartedly reminisces about his World War II military service on the home front. He includes anecdotes about producing warfare films, writing a musical, editing a military magazine, and encountering famous personalities. Some strong language. 2002.

Winston Churchill **BR 14589**

by John Keegan
2 volumes

Military historian explores the mystique of Britain's prime minister during World War II, discussing his life, works, and speeches. Portrays Churchill, the man and the political leader, in the context of England's history. 2002.

The Classic Fairy Tales **BR 14609**

by Iona Opie and Peter Opie
3 volumes

Presents twenty-four of the best-known fairy tales in the exact words in which they were first published in English. The authors provide a historical introduction chronicling the development of each story and the curious changes that appeared over the centuries. Designed for adult readers. 1974.

American Bison: A Natural History
BR 14611

by Dale F. Lott
2 volumes

Inspired by his childhood experiences growing up in the Montana National Bison Range, behavioral ecologist Lott explores the nature of bison. He examines the social relationships between bison and their coexistence with other species and discusses prairie ecology while contemplating the future of a species that once faced extinction. 2002.

Joseph Smith **BR 14615**

by Robert V. Remini
2 volumes

Historian portrays the founder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the worldwide religion known as the Mormon Church. Asserts that Joseph Smith (1805–1844) and his religious movement are characteristic of the Jacksonian era and compares Mormon beliefs to those of other Christian faiths. 2002.

Elvis Presley **BR 14616**

by Bobbie Ann Mason
2 volumes

Award-winning novelist explores the mystique of America's first rock-and-roll superstar, Elvis Presley (1935–1977). Ex-

plains Presley's musical roots and his close family ties, asserting that the entertainer's achievement of the American dream was his undoing. 2003.

Making Rag Rugs: Fifteen Step-by-Step Projects BR 14617

edited by Clare Hubbard

1 volume

Explains the basic techniques of hooking, prodding, clipping, and braiding practiced in the traditional craft of converting rags into useful rugs. Discusses materials, equipment, preparation, and finishing. Includes instructions for fifteen projects—from simple to complex patterns—applying the described methods. 2002.

Reluctant Saint: The Life of Francis of Assisi BR 14628

by Donald Spoto

3 volumes

Using the results of Franciscan scholarship since the 1990s, Spoto's account places Francis of Assisi (1182–1226) within the context of religious, social, and political forces of medieval Italy. Spoto discusses Francis's growth from playboy to penitent to poor man to saint. 2002.

What Evolution Is BR 14640

by Ernst Mayr

3 volumes

In a presentation for the general reader, an eminent professor of comparative zoology explains the underlying concepts and twentieth-century developments of evolutionary theory. Mayr reviews the evidence for evolution and examines the complexities of disputed issues. Discusses mankind's history, increased brain size, and altruistic behavior. 2001.

Leaves of Grass: The "Death-Bed"

Edition BR 14662

by Walt Whitman

5 volumes

The last compilation of the poet's major work published during his lifetime, with the poems presented as he wished them preserved. Originally published in 1855, *Leaves of Grass* was continually revised and augmented. This complete edition includes Whitman's elegy on President Lincoln, "When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd." 1892.

Floods, Droughts, and Climate Change BR 14663

by Michael Collier and Robert H. Webb

2 volumes

Writers with the U.S. Geological Survey present an introduction to Earth's climate. Describing patterns of prevailing wind and ocean currents, they emphasize that weather is not a product of isolated events, but of related phenomena. They also discuss El Niño, La Niña, and global warming. 2002.

The Crisis of Islam: Holy War and Unholy Terror BR 14698

by Bernard Lewis

2 volumes

Princeton historian traces the roots of anti-Americanism in the Islamic world and explores the conditions that led to terrorism in the West. Discusses the Islamic revolution in Iran, U.S. foreign policy, Soviet influence in the Middle East, and the role of Saudi Arabia in creating Muslim extremism. Bestseller 2003.

What Should I Do with My Life?

BR 14701

by Po Bronson

4 volumes

In this book that grew out of a transi-

tion point in his own life, Bronson presents about fifty accounts of individuals who “dared to be honest with themselves” and risk major change. Traveling across the U.S., he collected material from ordinary people of all ages and professions. Bestseller 2002.

The Child That Books Built: A Life in Reading BR 14721

by Francis Spufford

2 volumes

British author of *I May Be Some Time* (BR 12612) explains the importance that reading has played in the formation of his character and views on life.

Spufford conveys his passion for fiction, from a childhood love of Tolkien’s stories to his adult enthusiasm for the classics. Some strong language. 2002.

The Anxiety Book: Developing Strength in the Face of Fear BR 14725

by Jonathan Davidson and Henry Dreher

3 volumes

Physician describes various anxiety disorders and available remedies—including drugs, herbs, serenity exercises, and therapy. Explains how it is possible to become an emotionally stronger person after treatment for such problems as phobias, post-traumatic stress, panic attacks, and obsessive-compulsive behavior. 2003.

Not Much of a Muchness BR 14826

edited by Marc Maurer

1 volume

Nine accounts by blind people about work and everyday routines. Includes editor Marc Maurer’s recollections of campus life at the University of Notre Dame, a young man’s reflections on choosing a career in music, and a home owner’s musings on his neighbors’

surprise that he works around the house. 2002.

Summit BR 14827

edited by Marc Maurer

1 volume

Seven blind individuals recall how they have reached the summit as they scaled “personal mountains.” “To Climb Every Mountain” describes Erik Weihe-mayer’s successful ascent of Mt. Everest. Other chapters recount a blind student’s camp counselor job and a teenager’s conquest of the fear of losing her physical freedom on becoming blind. 2002.

Warrior of the Light: A Manual

BR 14875

by Paulo Coelho

1 volume

A collection of philosophical sketches prefaced by the brief parable of a grown man returning to the beach of his childhood. There he is inspired to write about the “Warrior”—one who is “capable of understanding the miracle of life.” Inspirational companion to *The Alchemist* (BR 14874). 2003.

The Teammates BR 14902

by David Halberstam

2 volumes

The saga of four Boston Red Sox players from the 1940s—Dominic DiMaggio, Johnny Pesky, Ted Williams, and Bobby Doerr—who remain friends for over sixty years. In 2001, DiMaggio and Pesky begin a long car trip to visit the dying Williams and reminisce about the past. Bestseller 2003.

Adult Fiction

The Indwelling: The Beast Takes

Possession BR 13925

by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins
3 volumes

Forty-two months into the Tribulation, Nicolae Carpathia is assassinated and some of the Tribulation Force are suspects. As each member struggles for survival, millions prepare for the funeral. Suddenly Carpathia arises from his coffin and pledges that his attackers have yet to endure the Great Tribulation. Sequel to *Assassins* (BR 13924). Bestseller 2000.

The Mark: The Beast Rules the World **BR 13926**

by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins
3 volumes

Three days into the Great Tribulation, Nicolae Carpathia is proclaiming himself the true Christ. Yet many see him as Satan. The Tribulation Force struggles to survive, as Carpathia orders all people to receive the Mark (a visible tattoo and an implanted biochip) or face the guillotine. Sequel to *The Indwelling* (BR 13925). Bestseller 2000.

Desecration: Antichrist Takes the Throne **BR 13927**

by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins
3 volumes

Rayford Steele and members of the Tribulation Force prepare to rescue God's chosen people. Meanwhile, followers of Nicolae Carpathia gather at the temple, where they plan to take the Mark in Nicolae's presence—and where Nicolae plans to declare himself God. Sequel to *The Mark* (BR 13926). Bestseller 2001.

Nine BR 14528

by Jan Burke

4 volumes

L.A. homicide detective Alex Brandon and his partner, Ciara Morton, investigate a group of vigilantes that is assassinating criminals on the FBI's most-wanted list. Evidence leads Brandon and Morton to a school for disturbed, affluent teens. Violence and strong language. 2002.

Small Town BR 14544

by Lawrence Block

4 volumes

The Carpenter, a serial killer, terrorizes Manhattan, causing its citizens to alter their lifestyles in many ways. Author John Creighton, accused of one murder, sees his book sales skyrocket, and former police commissioner Francis Buckram joins the investigation. Explicit descriptions of sex, violence, and strong language. 2003.

The Hostage BR 14548

by Susan Wiggs

3 volumes

As fire spreads across Chicago, October 8, 1871, Deborah Sinclair pleads with her father not to force her into a society marriage. Tom Silver, seeking revenge against her father, breaks in during the chaotic night and abducts Deborah. Followed by *The Mistress* (BR 14549). Some descriptions of sex and some violence. 2000.

The Firebrand BR 14550

by Susan Wiggs

3 volumes

A bundle falls into Lucy Hathaway's arms from a burning building during the great Chicago fire, October 8, 1871. Inside, she finds a baby, whom she raises as her own. Five years later, Lucy

meets banker Randolph Higgins who discovers that the child is his. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. 2001.

Coming Soon!!! A Narrative BR 14574

by John Barth

4 volumes

An established older novelist and an aspiring web-savvy younger writer race to create a novel for the new millennium. A lighthearted autobiographical fiction in which Barth looks back at his own illustrious career and contemplates the literary future. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2001.

Kisscut BR 14576

by Karin Slaughter

3 volumes

Dr. Sara Linton and her ex-husband, police chief Jeffrey Tolliver of Grant County, Georgia, uncover a web of pedophilia, incest, and child pornography after a thirteen-year-old girl is killed. Sequel to *Blindsighted* (BR 14418). Explicit descriptions of sex, violence, and strong language. 2002.

The Cranefly Orchid Murders

BR 14577

by Cynthia Riggs

2 volumes

Martha's Vineyard. Ninety-two-year-old poet Victoria Trumbull discovers the body of a shady attorney on land slated for development. Victoria and her eleven-year-old assistant, Robin White, search for clues and endangered plants on the property in order to preserve its pristine nature—and solve some murders. Some violence and some strong language. 2002.

Deadly Nightshade BR 14578

by Cynthia Riggs

2 volumes

Ninety-two-year-old poet Victoria Trumbull witnesses a body being dumped in the harbor of her native island, Martha's Vineyard. Victoria's granddaughter, Elizabeth, and her boss, the harbormaster Domingo, retrieve the body. The three investigate islanders and wealthy visitors alike, but can't prevent another murder. Some violence and some strong language. 2001.

The Color Midnight Made BR 14579

by Andrew Winer

2 volumes

Ten-year-old Conrad Clay is one of several white boys in his Alameda, California, neighborhood. Con is diagnosed with color blindness, his parents' marriage falls apart, his best friend Loop rejects him, and Loop's brother loses his sight in an accident. Strong language, some explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. 2002.

Summon the Shadows BR 14583

by Eva Marie Everson and

G.W. Francis Chadwick

3 volumes

In this sequel to *Shadow of Dreams* (BR 14527), Katie Webster returns to New York City from her mother's home in Georgia. Her husband, Ben, is missing and presumed dead—but Katie has faith in God that he's alive. When someone starts sending her expensive presents, she hopes that it's Ben. 2002.

Short and Tall Tales: Moose County Legends Collected by James Mackintosh

Qwilleran BR 14587

by Lilian Jackson Braun

1 volume

Twenty-seven short stories centered

around the history of Moose County, popularized in the “Cat Who . . .” mystery series. The tales are relayed by fictional newspaper editor James Qwilleran, who collects reminiscences and tidbits about the first settlers of the isolated countryside. 2002.

The Boy Next Door BR 14590

by Meggin Cabot
3 volumes

New York journalist Melissa “Mel” Fuller pet sits for Mrs. Friedlander, an elderly neighbor who was attacked and left in a coma. When the old lady’s nephew, Max, arrives to help, Mel falls in love with him. But Max has many secrets. Some strong language. 2002.

No One to Trust BR 14596

by Iris Johansen
2 volumes

Colombia. Elena Kyler, trained as an assassin, uses her skill to protect herself, Father Dominic, and her five-year-old son from the child’s drug-lord father. Elena asks U.S. officials for help, but mercenary Sean Galen may not be able to save her loved ones. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 2002.

The Veteran: Five Heart-Stopping Stories BR 14610

by Frederick Forsyth
3 volumes

In the title piece, a noted barrister helps to free two thugs who stomped an old man to death. But the lawyer has an ulterior motive. In “Whispering Wind,” a single scout survives Custer’s Last Stand. Some violence and some strong language. 2001.

The Salmon of Doubt: Hitchhiking the Galaxy One Last Time BR 14614

by Douglas Adams
3 volumes

Editor Peter Guzzardi pieces together what may have been the third Dirk Gently novel by the late author of *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy* (BR 14438). Includes Adams’s letters, writings, and ruminations on numerous diverse subjects, including the Beatles, Monty Python, and a young, two-headed Zaphod. 2002.

Whispers at Midnight BR 14629

by Karen Robards
3 volumes

Carly Linton returns to Benton, Georgia, to open a bed-and-breakfast in the house she inherits. Someone from Carly’s past doesn’t want her back in town, and dangers abound. Carly finds comfort with Matt Converse, the town’s former bad boy turned sheriff. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2003.

When the Women Come Out to Dance BR 14648

by Elmore Leonard
2 volumes

Nine short stories dealing with people and their choices. In the title piece, a bored Palm Beach wife with an ulterior motive hires a Colombian maid whose husband was murdered. In “Sparks,” an insurance investigator questions a Los Angeles widow whose house was destroyed in a fire. Strong language. 2002.

The Art of Seeing BR 14649

by Cammie McGovern
2 volumes

As a child, Jemma watched older sister Rozzie blossom into a teenage beauty and promising actress. But Rozzie kept

her failing vision a secret. Now as adults they seek to reestablish their relationship against the backdrop of celebrity. 2002.

Red House BR 14656

by K.j.a. Wishnia

2 volumes

Former NYPD cop and single mother Filomena Buscarsela joins a Queens private detective firm as a trainee. She investigates the disappearance of an illegal laborer, a shoot-out with the police, longtime squatters in an old factory, and a murder. Some cases pay, some don't. Strong language and some violence. 2001.

Bella Poldark: A Novel of Cornwall, 1818–1820 BR 14659

by Winston Graham

5 volumes

The family feud continues between the neighboring Poldarks and Warleggans while a murderer is loose in the countryside. Bella Poldark, an aspiring singer, becomes surprisingly successful in both her career and in love. Restless Valentine Warleggan, however, is not so lucky. Sequel to *The Twisted Sword* (BR 8679). 2002.

Spook: A "Nameless Detective" Novel BR 14661

by Bill Pronzini

2 volumes

The "Nameless Detective," last seen in *Bleeders* (BR 14171), is semiretired. His partners Tamara Corbin and Jake Runyon, newly hired, investigate the execution-style murder of a crazy, homeless man named Spook, whose checkered past has evidently caught up with him. Violence and strong language. 2003.

Better to Rest: A Liam Campbell Mystery BR 14664

by Dana Stabenow

2 volumes

Alaska state trooper Sgt. Liam Campbell, *Fire and Ice* (BR 12374), and his pilot girlfriend discover the remains of a WWII plane embedded in a glacier. Campbell's investigation links recent murders with past military secrets that would be better left buried. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2002.

The Lady in the Lake BR 14665

by Raymond Chandler

2 volumes

A swaggering businessman hires hard-boiled Philip Marlowe to find his wife, who has been missing for a month.

When a woman's body is pulled from the lake where the wife had been staying, and the caretaker's wife is also missing, Marlowe pieces the puzzle together. Some strong language and some violence. 1943.

Dead Aim BR 14697

by Iris Johansen

2 volumes

Photojournalist Alex Graham is covering a dam break in Colorado when she discovers that it was no accident. Former CIA operative Judd Morgan from *No One to Trust* (BR 14596) is hired to protect Alex as the investigation leads to the highest political circles. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 2003.

Birthright BR 14700

by Nora Roberts

4 volumes

Ancient bones are uncovered at a construction site in Maryland and archaeol-

ogist Callie Dunbrook and her ex-husband are asked to investigate. When a local woman claims that Callie is her long-lost daughter—kidnapped twenty-nine years earlier—Callie must search for the truth. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 2003.

Armageddon: The Cosmic Battle of the Ages BR 14702

by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins
3 volumes

In the last year of the Great Tribulation new alliances are formed when many of the Force members die. Then the world becomes a powder keg as millions gather for war with the Antichrist in the Middle East, where they await the Glorious Appearing. Sequel to *The Remnant* (BR 14212). Violence. Bestseller 2003.

Whispers and Lies BR 14715

by Joy Fielding
3 volumes

Nurse Terry Painter lives a quiet life in Delray, Florida. She rents out her backyard cottage to Alison Simms and becomes friends with her. Soon, however, Terry begins to suspect that Alison and her just arrived “brother” are trying to trap her in a web of whispers and lies. 2002.

Cat Laughing Last: A Joe Grey Mystery BR 14716

by Shirley Rousseau Murphy
2 volumes

Molena Point, California. Joe Grey and Dulcie, feline sleuths, investigate a murder at the home of their human friend Susan. By obtaining evidence that only cats can gather, they must discover what links murder, the town’s theater production, and local artifacts being sold on eBay and at yard sales. 2002.

A Wanted Man BR 14717

by Nancy J. Parra
1 volume

Feisty librarian Brianna McGraw needs a thousand dollars to buy the freedom of her little brother and other orphans who were “adopted” by unscrupulous Nevada miners. To get the money, Brianna sets out to collect the bounty offered for capturing fugitive Trey Morgan. She captures his heart instead. 2002.

You Are Not a Stranger Here BR 14720

by Adam Haslett
2 volumes

Nine short stories involving characters who are mentally ill and their families. In “Notes to My Biographer,” a depressed old man visits his homosexual son. “My Father’s Business” details a psychiatrist’s attempts to treat a reluctant patient. Some explicit descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. 2002.

Straydog BR 14723

by Kathe Koja
1 volume

Rachel, a misfit at her high school, is teased by the other kids. She finds solace in writing and volunteering at the local animal shelter. When a feral collie is brought in, Rachel wants to save it and seeks help. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 2002.

The Thorne Maze: An Elizabeth I Mystery BR 14758

by Karen Harper
2 volumes

England, 1564. Queen Elizabeth’s court retires to the country to avoid the plague. After Elizabeth is attacked and others are killed in the gardens, the queen and

her royal followers, William Cecil and Meg Milligrew, seek to uncover the culprit. An encounter in a watery maze leads to death. 2003.

Cold Pursuit BR 14773

by T. Jefferson Parker

3 volumes

San Diego detective Tommy McMichael investigates the murder of elderly Portuguese millionaire Pete Braga—even though McMichael's Irish family has had a longtime feud with the Bragas. As McMichael uncovers the old man's secrets, he falls in love with the main suspect. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2003.

The Sinister Pig BR 14801

by Tony Hillerman

2 volumes

The FBI takes over sergeant Jim Chee's case, which began with the discovery of an unidentified murder victim at a Navajo reservation oil field. Both customs patrol officer Bernadette Manuelito and retired lieutenant Joe Leaphorn become

involved before the solution is found. Bestseller 2003.

The Lovely Bones BR 14806

by Alice Sebold

3 volumes

Susie Salmon, a fourteen-year-old girl murdered by a neighbor, watches over her family and friends from heaven. While adjusting to a new habitat, she reaches out to them as she observes their struggle to survive their grief. Some descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. Bestseller 2002.

The Alchemist BR 14874

by Paulo Coelho

1 volume

Santiago, an Andalusian shepherd boy, dreams of riches and longs to see the world. He sails to Tangiers, crosses the desert, and eventually reaches Egypt, where he discovers his real destiny. On his journey, Santiago encounters a series of spiritual guides, including the alchemist who advises him to follow his heart. 1988.

Books for Children

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

Children's Nonfiction

Artists of the Renaissance BR 14580

by James Barter

1 volume

Discusses the life and accomplishments of six Italian artists of the early and High Renaissance, whose works represent im-

portant innovations and achievements in painting, sculpture, and architecture. Includes Giotto, Donatello, Brunelleschi, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, and Raphael. For grades 6-9. 1999.

Planting the Seed: A Guide to Gardening BR 14612

by Suzanne Winckler

1 volume

Organic gardening at home: how to grow fruits and vegetables that are free of chemicals and pesticides. Discusses determining location and soil condi-

tions, choosing the right seeds and plants, caring for plants, and harvesting food. Includes a few recipes and recommendations for further reading. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2002.

Extraordinary Explorers and Adventurers BR 14647

by Judy Alter

2 volumes

Brief biographies of seventy-three men and women—from the Greek hero Hercules to Mae Jemison—who traveled to new lands or conquered space. Includes major explorers of North America and the North Pole, as well as more recent astronauts. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 2001.

Revenge of the Whale: The True Story of the Whaleship Essex BR 14653

by Nathaniel Philbrick

2 volumes

Recounts the 1820 sinking of the *Essex* by an enraged sperm whale and the survivors' ordeal—including cannibalism. Incorporates a fourteen-year-old cabin boy's account of this marine disaster, which inspired the climactic scenes of *Moby Dick*. Some violence. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2002.

Dinosaurs Big and Small BR 14727

by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld

1 volume

Discusses the height and weight of various dinosaurs in comparison to a school bus, an elephant, or an average ten-year-old kid. Covers some facts about dinosaur behavior and habits. For grades 2-4. 2002.

Global Warming BR 14775

by Mark Maslin

1 volume

Examines the causes, consequences, and future threat of global warming. Explains

“the devastating effects it will have on human society, the natural environment, and the world economy, including drastic changes in health, agriculture, water resources, coastal regions, storminess, forests, and wildlife.” For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2002.

The Legend of Blue Jacket BR 14782

by Michael P. Spradlin

1 volume

Biographical sketch of a sixteen-year-old West Virginian youth adopted by the Shawnee, who called him Blue Jacket because of his clothing. Describes how he was transformed into a hunter and warrior, fought against Americansettlers in 1774, and made friends with Daniel Boone. For grades 3-6. 2002.

Mission to Mars BR 14825

by Franklyn M. Branley

1 volume

Discusses what people might find if they could travel to Mars; whether there might be air, water, or gravity; and what it might be like to live in a space station while exploring the planet. For grades 2-4. 2002.

Kites: Magic Wishes That Fly Up to the Sky BR 15010

by Demi

1 volume

Presents the legend of how kites painted with animals and other symbols started in China. Discusses kite flying as a sport and as part of a festival. Includes directions for making a simple kite at home. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1999.

Wash, Scrub, Brush! BR 15011

by Mick Manning

1 volume

Recommendations for developing

healthy habits by keeping the body clean. Covers fingernails, ears, teeth, hair, and bathroom practices. Also includes facts about animal cleanliness. PRINT/ BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1999.

Children's Fiction

New York's Bravest BR 14050

by Mary Pope Osborne
1 volume

Tells of the heroic deeds of the New York City firefighter Mose Humphreys during the 1840s. The book explains how the real-life fireman became a legend. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2002.

Meet Kaya: An American Girl

BR 14539

by Janet Shaw
1 volume

The Pacific Northwest, 1764. When Kaya and her family join other members of the Nez Perce tribe to fish for red salmon, she learns that bragging, even about her swift horse, can lead to trouble. Includes historical notes on the Nez Perce Indians. For grades 2-4. 2002.

Judgment Day: Left Behind—the Kids, Volume 14 BR 14600

by Jerry B. Jenkins and Tim LaHaye
1 volume

The world continues to dig out from a destructive earthquake in this sequel to *The Showdown* (BR 14594). Meanwhile Judd and Vicki search for a hiding place to avoid capture by the Global Community. For grades 5-8. 2001.

Battling the Commander: Left Behind—the Kids, Volume 15 BR 14601

by Jerry B. Jenkins and Tim LaHaye
1 volume

In this sequel to *Judgment Day* (BR 14600), the free members of the Young Trib Force are hiding from Commander Blancka and praying for their friends who remain in the clutches of the Global Community. For grades 5-8. 2001.

Fire from Heaven: Left Behind—the Kids, Volume 16 BR 14602

by Jerry B. Jenkins and Tim LaHaye
1 volume

The Young Trib Force faces the next prophetic judgments in this sequel to *Battling the Commander* (BR 14601). A huge meteor forces John to make a life-threatening decision on the Global Community ship Peacekeeper One. For grades 5-8. 2001.

Terror in the Stadium: Left Behind—the Kids, Volume 17 BR 14603

by Jerry B. Jenkins and Tim LaHaye
1 volume

In this sequel to *Fire from Heaven* (BR 14602) the Young Trib Force continues to study from the Tsion Ben-Judah website and to evade their enemies. Judd and Lionel fly to Jerusalem for the Meeting of the Witnesses. For grades 5-8. 2001.

Darkening Skies: Left Behind—the Kids, Volume 18 BR 14604

by Jerry B. Jenkins and Tim LaHaye
1 volume

Judd and Lionel entrust their safety to a boy whose father is in the Global Community in this continuation from *Terror in the Stadium* (BR 14603). Other members of the Young Trib Force have their

own fears for survival to deal with. For grades 5-8. 2001.

Wild Man Island BR 14660

by Will Hobbs

1 volume

Fourteen-year-old Andy slips away from his kayaking group in Alaska to visit the wilderness site where his archaeologist father died. Stranded on an island by a storm and injured, Andy is rescued by a Newfoundland dog and his owner—who live in a cave. For grades 6-9. 2002.

Zach's Lie BR 14667

by Roland Smith

2 volumes

Seventh-grader Zach's family is placed in a witness protection program after their pilot father is arrested for flying for a drug cartel. Zach adjusts and makes new friends in the Nevada mountains, until the family's identity is revealed and the drug dealers show up. For grades 6-9. 2001.

Point Blank BR 14668

by Anthony Horowitz

2 volumes

Fourteen-year-old Alex Rider's espionage work for British MI6 takes him to the French Alps. On his mission there to investigate an exclusive boarding school for delinquent sons of wealthy parents, Alex discovers brainwashed clones and evil headmaster Dr. Grief. For grades 6-9. 2001.

Stormbreaker BR 14675

by Anthony Horowitz

2 volumes

After the murder of his guardian Uncle Ian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is blackmailed into completing Ian's dangerous undercover work for MI6, Britain's intelligence agency. The boy's assignment is to infiltrate computer mil-

lionaire Herod Sayle's business and search for viruses. For grades 6-9. 2000.

Henry and Mudge and Annie's Perfect Pet: The Twentieth Book of Their Adventures BR 14681

by Cynthia Rylant

1 volume

Although Henry's cousin Annie likes Henry's dog, Mudge, she wants to have a pet of her own. Annie chooses a bunny as the perfect pet for herself. For grades K-3. 2000.

Bread and Jam for Frances BR 14684

by Russell Hoban

1 volume

Frances is a fussy eater who thinks she only wants bread and jam at every meal until, to her surprise, her parents agree to her wish. For preschool-grade 2. 1964.

Henry and Mudge in the Family Trees: The Fifteenth Book of Their Adventures BR 14692

by Cynthia Rylant

1 volume

Henry and his 180-pound dog, Mudge, go to their first family reunion. At his cousin Annie's house, Henry's relatives have fun together and make Mudge welcome. For grades K-3. 1997.

Rising Water BR 14714

by P.J. Petersen

1 volume

Kevin is assigned community service—for car theft—at an animal rescue center. During a flood, he accompanies volunteers Tracy and her brother, Luke, on a mission to feed a trapped dog. The group runs into trouble when they encounter armed burglars looting a house. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2002.

The Adventures of Pinocchio: Story of a Puppet BR 14724

by Carlo Collodi

2 volumes

Geppetto carves a wooden puppet and names him Pinocchio. The rascally marionette walks and talks like a real boy, but his nose grows longer each time he lies. Classic Italian children's tale originally published in 1883. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 2002.

Kaya's Hero: A Story of Giving BR 14754

by Janet Shaw

1 volume

1764. Kaya greatly admires a courageous and kind young woman, Swan Circling, who is newly married and living in her Nez Perce village. Kaya wants to be worthy of her respect. Sequel to *Kaya's Escape!* (BR 14607). For grades 2-4. 2002.

Kaya and Lone Dog: A Friendship Story BR 14755

by Janet Shaw

1 volume

In this sequel to *Kaya's Hero* (BR 14754), Kaya still grieves over her friend's death and misses her stolen horse and kidnapped sister. She tries to earn the trust of a lone and starving dog who is about to have puppies. For grades 2-4. 2002.

Kaya Shows the Way: A Sister Story BR 14756

by Janet Shaw

1 volume

When Kaya and her family go to fish for red salmon again, her hope is to be reunited with her blind younger sister, Speaking Rain, who was kidnapped some time before. Sequel to *Kaya and Lone Dog* (BR 14755). For grades 2-4. 2002.

Caboose Mystery BR 14764

by Gertrude Chandler Warner

1 volume

The Boxcar children's grandfather planned a summer trip for them to travel in a caboose. On their train adventure, they learn about the mysterious history of the caboose that involves a diamond necklace. For grades 3-6. 1966.

The Trap BR 14774

by Joan Lowery Nixon

1 volume

Sixteen-year-old Julie spends the summer at her great-uncle Gabe's ranch in Texas as he recovers from a broken ankle. Uncle Gabe insists that someone deliberately pushed him. When neighbors are robbed and murdered, Julie investigates and starts to believe her uncle's suspicions. For grades 5-8. 2002.

Devil's Bridge BR 14778

by Cynthia DeFelice

1 volume

Ben's father, who held the record in the annual Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass Derby, died a year ago. Ben despises Barry, his mother's new friend. But when Ben overhears a plot to win the derby by cheating, Barry provides what is needed to stop the fraud. For grades 3-6. 1992.

High Tide in Hawaii: Magic Tree House, Book 28 BR 14783

by Mary Pope Osborne

1 volume

When Jack and Annie find a secret rhyme inside the book *A Visit to Old Hawaii* they are off on another adventure. They experience a tsunami, discover a special kind of ship, and meet a brother and sister who teach them surfing. For grades 2-4. 2003.

Island of the Blue Dolphins BR 14785

by Scott O'Dell

1 volume

When her tribe moved, a Native American girl was accidentally left behind on an island off the California coast. She tells about the eighteen years that she managed to survive and to find comfort, beauty, and, at times, joy in her solitude. For grades 6-9. Newbery Medal. 1960.

Junie B. Jones and the Mushy Gushy

Valentine BR 14823

by Barbara Park

1 volume

Junie B. is delighted to receive a mushy, gushy "valentine"—as she calls it—from a secret admirer. When she finds out who he is, she is surprised. For grades K-3. 1999.

Stanley Yelnats' Survival Guide to Camp

Green Lake BR 14824

by Louis Sachar

1 volume

Stanley offers advice on how to withstand a stint at a juvenile correction center like the one he was sentenced to in *Holes* (BR 12174). Covers such dangers as scorpions, tarantulas, and rattlesnakes. Also includes survival quizzes to test decision-making skills. For grades 5-8. 2003.

Lionclaw: A Tale of Rowan Hood

BR 14876

by Nancy Springer

1 volume

In this sequel to *Rowan Hood* (BR 14561), gentle, musical Lionel encounters his father, Lionclaw, a prisoner of Robin Hood. Lionclaw's fury causes his son to flee in fright. But when Rowan Hood, Robin's daughter, is abducted,

Lionel is roused into action. For grades 4-7. 2002.

Apple Pie Fourth of July BR 15009

by Janet S. Wong

1 volume

A Chinese American girl is convinced that Americans will not be buying Chinese food from her parents' store on the Fourth of July. But she is happily proven wrong, and they sell it all before the fireworks start. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2002.

The Rooster and the Fox BR 15018

retold by Helen Ward

1 volume

A proud rooster named Chanticleer is captured by sly Mr. Fox, who plans to eat him. All the farm animals give chase, but it is Chanticleer who saves himself by outwitting the fox. Adapted from "The Nun's Priest's Tale" by Geoffrey Chaucer. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3 and older readers. 2002.

Foreign Language Books

The following cassette titles are available in the languages designated.

Spanish

Una Sorpresa para Josefina: Un Cuento de Navidad (Josefina's Surprise: A Christmas Story) BR 14706

por Valerie Tripp

1 volume

Durante la segunda Navidad sin Mamá, Josefina y sus tres hermanas celebran las tradiciones de Las Posadas que les ayudan a mantener viva la memoria de su madre difunta. Sigue a *Josefina Aprende una Lección* (BR 14465). Para grados 2 a 4. [The second Christmas after their mother died, Josefina and her three sisters find that participating in the traditions of Las Posadas helps keep memories of Mamá alive. Sequel

to *Josefina Aprende una Lección*

(BR 14465). For grades 2-4.] 1997.

¡Feliz Cumpleaños, Josefina! Un Cuento de Primavera (Happy Birthday, Josefina: A Story of Springtime) BR 14707

por Valerie Tripp

1 volume

Josefina quiere hacerse curandera como su Tía Magdalena, pero vive una terrible situación. Sin embargo, su décimo cumpleaños se convierte en una celebración de valentía—y de segundas oportunidades. Sigue a *Una Sorpresa para Josefina* (BR 14706). Para grados 2 a 4.

[Josefina wants to become a healer like her Aunt Magdalena, but finds it difficult to accomplish her goal. However, just before her tenth birthday, she gets another chance to prove herself. Sequel to *Una Sorpresa para Josefina* (BR 14706). For grades 2-4.] 1998.

Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

Boys' Life (for children and teens, monthly)

Braille Book Review (bimonthly)

Braille Chess Magazine (British quarterly)

Braille Music Magazine (British monthly)

Conundrum (British monthly)

Cooking Light (10 issues)

ESPN: The Magazine (biweekly)

Harper's (literary; monthly)

Health Newsletters (includes **Harvard Health Letter**, **Mayo Clinic Health Letter**, and **University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter**; monthly)

Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine (monthly)

Ladies' Home Journal (monthly)

Martha Stewart Living (home and entertaining; 10 issues)

Muse (for children; 10 issues)

The Musical Mainstream (quarterly)

National Geographic (monthly)

The New York Times Large Type Weekly (weekly)

News (NLS quarterly)
Parenting (monthly except January and July)
PC World (personal computing; monthly)
Playboy (monthly)
Poetry (11 issues)
Popular Communications (monthly)
Popular Mechanics (monthly)
Popular Music Lead Sheets (irregular)
Rolling Stone (popular culture; 24 issues)
Science News (weekly)
Seventeen (for teens, monthly)
Short Stories (British monthly)
Spider: The Magazine for Children (monthly)

Stone Soup (children's writings; 5 issues)
Update (NLS quarterly)
The Washington Post Book World (weekly)

The following sports schedules are also available:

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National Football League Schedule
National Hockey League Schedule
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In Brief

Student Aid Audio Guide available

The U.S. Department of Education makes available an updated recording on compact disk that provides information for blind and visually impaired students about federal student aid for education beyond high school. The guide covers federal grants, loans, and work-study, as well as non-federal sources of aid.

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Newsstand

The following announcements may be of interest to readers. National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reserves the right to publish announcements selectively, as space permits. Items mentioned, however, are not part of the NLS program, and their listing does not imply endorsement.

New magazines launched. *Arc and Bark* and *Blindcites* are new quarterly publications available by subscription in large-print and standard audiocassette formats. *Arc and Bark* is for guide-dog users, and *Blindcites* publishes high-quality fiction and poetry by blind writers. Each magazine is \$25 per year, and both publications seek contributions. To submit or subscribe, contact: Dennis Holter, 1000 Kiely Blvd. #25, Santa Clara, CA 95051; or e-mail dennisholter@yahoo.com.

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Talking Book Topics, July-August 2004.

The 2004 Alexander Scourby Narrator of the Year Awards

For more than seventeen years, the Scourby Awards have honored excellence in the narration of talking books and celebrated the importance of reading in so many lives. The 2004 Scourby Awards will take place on Thursday, October 14, and will be a web-based event. Readers will be able to vote and to view the ceremony via the web at [<www.afb.org/>](http://www.afb.org/).

From August 16 to September 15, individuals may vote for their favorite nominee in each of the award categories: fiction, nonfiction, and this year's special recognition category, multilingual nonfiction—defined as a nonfiction work primarily in English, but with a significant number of foreign-language words, names, or phrases.

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Adult Nonfiction

The Road to Chess Improvement BR 14284

by Alex Yermolinsky
4 volumes

Champion player and coach offers advice and strategy tips by analyzing actual games. Discusses a variety of opening set-ups, trend-breaking tools, the value of exchanges, and computer chess. Revisits classic games and instructions. 1999.

The Rasputin File BR 114452

by Edvard Radzinsky
6 volumes

Examines the life and assassination of Rasputin—the controversial holy man who influenced the last imperial Russian court. Explores his alleged sexual misconduct, his spiritual hold over Tsarina Alexandra, and how he was murdered. Based on files from the Soviet archives. Some descriptions of sex. 2000.

The Catholic Martyrs of the Twentieth Century: A Comprehensive World History BR 114460

by Robert Royal
5 volumes

Provides a global account of men and women martyred for their faith in the twentieth century. Asserts that in the 1900s more Catholics were persecuted, tortured, and killed because of their beliefs than in any previous period. Declares that martyrdom helps the church to survive and grow. 2000.

A New Way to Cook BR 114476

by Sally Schneider
8 volumes

A professional chef replaces the high fat content found in many dishes while maintaining the flavors of the food. Contains more than six hundred recipes that allow eating everything in moderation by using cooking techniques for tasty but healthy meals. 2001.

Wild about Herbs BR 114530

by Roger Tabor
3 volumes

Advice on growing and preserving more than one hundred useful herbs—including tarragon, chamomile, fennel, licorice, basil, blackberry, and dandelion—and some toxic ones. Suggests practical applications for culinary and therapeutic purposes. Provides recipes and directions for home use and crafts. 2002.

Bug: The Strange Mutations of the World's Most Famous Automobile BR 114585

by Phil Patton
3 volumes

A cultural history of the Volkswagen, from its origins in the 1940s when Hitler popularized it as the “people’s car” to its reinvention in California in

1998 as the New Beetle. Describes how the VW became a universally identifiable icon. 2002.

The History of Terrorism BR 14669

by Robert Taylor

1 volume

Examines the political agendas, religious beliefs, and strategies of groups that use violence to generate fear to gain their objectives. Considers anti-colonial, separatist, revolutionary, and holy wars throughout history. For junior and senior high readers. 2002.

Terrorists and Terrorist Groups

BR 14670

by Stephen Currie

1 volume

Discusses the origins, political purposes, religious beliefs, and strategies of groups that use violence to achieve their goals. Includes information on the Palestinian movement Hamas, Peru's Shining Path, the Irish Republican Army, al-Qaeda, and Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh. For junior and senior high readers. 2002.

A Thousand Days in Venice: An Unexpected Romance BR 14672

by Marlena de Blasi

2 volumes

Journalist, restaurant critic, and chef shares her tale of leaving her home, her grown children, and her job to marry a Venetian she barely knew. Describes how they built a life together with Italian food their only common language. Part romance, part food guide. Includes her recipes. 2002.

Not Just a Living: The Complete Guide to Creating a Business That Gives You a Life BR 14674

by Mark Henricks

2 volumes

Journalist turned freelance writer discusses the pros and cons of being a "lifestyle entrepreneur"—someone who starts a business for lifestyle reasons rather than financial rewards. Discusses personal suitability, timing, and practicalities. 2002.

What's So Amazing about Grace?

BR 14677

by Philip Yancey

3 volumes

Religion writer illustrates the impact of forgiveness and mercy through a series of personal anecdotes, historical events, and biblical stories. In "Babette's Feast," a destitute woman is taken in by two sisters and years later invites an entire community to a feast in thanksgiving. 1997.

StressRelief for Disasters Great and Small: What to Expect and What to Do from Day One to Year One and Beyond BR 14678

by Georgia Witkin

2 volumes

A contributor to FOX News and the author of *The Female Stress Syndrome Survival Guide* (RC 51828) and other books offers solutions for coping with natural disasters and personal traumas. Also suggests methods for helping children. 2002.

Absolute Beginner's Guide to Microsoft Windows XP BR 14708

by Shelley O'Hara

3 volumes

Explains the fundamentals of Windows XP for the nontechnical user. Covers

starting programs, sending e-mails, searching the Internet, downloading music, watching videos, printing reports, and performing other tasks. 2003.

Mr. Food Cooking by the Calendar: Fifty-two Weeks of Year-Round Favorites

BR 14709

by Art Ginsburg

2 volumes

Mr. Food offers recipes, from simple to sophisticated, for each week of the year. In addition to selections for the major holidays, he suggests creations for a midwinter picnic, campfire cooking, state fair goodies, an English tea, and an ice cream sampler. 1999.

The Genie in the Bottle: Sixty-four All New Commentaries on the Fascinating Chemistry of Everyday Life **BR 14722**

by Joe Schwarcz

3 volumes

Chemistry professor explores the science of commonplace materials and events in this collection of brief and conversational essays. Organizing his observations into five sections, including health, food, history, and "silly stuff," Dr. Schwarcz provides scientific explanations and anecdotes about everything from herbal remedies to the "magic" of the genie bottle. 2001.

The Hemingway Book Club of Kosovo

BR 14761

by Paula Huntley

2 volumes

A journal of the author's experiences in Prishtina, Kosovo, where she taught English to returned Albanian students during an eight-month period in 2000. She describes the aftermath of the NATO-forced Serb retreat and her students' hopes for a better life in the depressed province. 2003.

Four Seasons in Five Senses: Things Worth Savoring **BR 14762**

by David Mas Masumoto

2 volumes

Japanese American organic farmer reflects on what can be seen, touched, heard, smelled, and tasted on his family's California farm. Observing cycles of renewal and harvest and recognizing realities of small-scale farming in the age of agribusiness, Masumoto, *Harvest Son* (BR 12668), groups his essays in five clusters, each identified with one of the senses. 2003.

As Always, Jack: A Wartime Love Story

BR 14763

by Emma Sweeney

1 volume

Following her mother's death in 1985, Emma Sweeney found a packet of letters her father had written as a navy pilot in the 1940s and 1950s. Through reading the letters, Emma came to know her father, who died before she was born, and to understand his love for her mother. 2002.

Healing Heartburn **BR 14765**

by Lawrence J. Cheskin and

Brian E. Lacy

2 volumes

Medical professors from Johns Hopkins University explain the symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment of acid reflux disease, also called gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) and heartburn. They discuss medications, complications, and special concerns of persons who are elderly or bedridden. 2002.

The Difference That Disability Makes

BR 14770

by Rod Michalko

2 volumes

Blind Canadian professor defines the

way society perceives people with disabilities and usually associates impairment with suffering. Explores why disabled persons are either feared or considered useless, illustrating with anecdotes from his own experience. Some strong language. 2002.

The Primal Teen: What the New Discoveries about the Teenage Brain Tell Us about Our Kids BR 14777

by Barbara Strauch
2 volumes

Science editor from the *New York Times* collates scientific brain research to illustrate that more than hormones regulate teenage behavior. Asserts that parental understanding can assist youth to pass more smoothly through adolescence. Explains why some teens sleep until noon and have mood swings. 2003.

People of Vision: A History of the American Council of the Blind
BR 14800

by James J. Megivern and
Marjorie L. Megivern
9 volumes

Chronicle of the forty-year-old advocacy organization, American Council of the Blind (ACB), including its split with the National Federation of the Blind in 1961. The work, based on the private papers of founding member Durward McDaniel and conversations with other ACB members, also explores earlier activism on behalf of blind people. 2003.

Health Insurance Resource Manual: A Guide for People with Chronic Disease and Disability BR 14807

by Dorothy E. Northrop and
Stephen E. Cooper
2 volumes

Explains managed care health insurance plans, Social Security, Medicare, and

Medicaid and federal laws covering them. Also lists resources for high-risk individuals state by state. 2003.

The Ten Trusts: What We Must Do to Care for the Animals We Love

BR 14810

by Jane Goodall and Marc Bekoff
2 volumes

World-renowned conservationists propose ten principles to highlight humanity's role as stewards of the natural world. The authors share their vision of a future where people are compassionate and concerned for all living things. 2002.

The American Dream and The Zoo Story: Two Plays BR 14815

by Edward Albee
1 volume

Two early works by an award-winning playwright. One is a satire of American family life. In *The Zoo Story*, Albee's first performed play, a confrontation between two widely dissimilar men leads to some wrenching personal revelations by both. 1959.

The Gift of Jazzy BR 14819

by Cindy Adams
2 volumes

New York Post columnist Cindy Adams recalls the loneliness she felt after the death of her husband, comedian Joey Adams, in 1999—until a friend sent her a Yorkshire terrier. Adams describes her first year with Jazzy and how the puppy helped her love and laugh again. 2003.

Who Needs Classical Music? Cultural Choice and Musical Value BR 14861

by Julian Johnson
2 volumes

Discusses why contemporary society has marginalized classical music in favor of

popular music. Defends the value of classical music as an art, rather than merely entertainment or background noise, and considers the role of music in the modern world. 2002.

How to Be Alone: Essays BR 14878

by Jonathan Franzen

2 volumes

Thirteen essays on life in a fast-paced, media-saturated society. Franzen observes the lack of privacy and persistent loneliness of the individual despite technological advances and increased consumerism. Describes his father's Alzheimer's disease, his brief run-in with Oprah's Book Club, and the stigma of being a cigarette smoker. 2002.

Treasured Poems That Touch the Heart: Cherished Poems and Favorite Poets

BR 14886

compiled by Mary Sanford Laurence
1 volume

Anthology of familiar poems grouped by themes such as youth, life, romance, friendship, character, prayer, nature, sorrow, growing old, and reflections. Includes writings by the Brownings, Donne, Frost, Shakespeare, and Wordsworth. 1996.

Blood and Guts: A Short History of Medicine BR 14887

by Roy Porter

2 volumes

British professor, author of *A Social History of Madness* (BR 07721), studies Western medicine from ancient times to the 1990s. Includes changing conceptions of disease, doctors, therapies, surgeries, hospitals, and laboratories. 2002.

The Autobiography of St. Thérèse of Lisieux: The Story of a Soul BR 14893

by Thérèse de Lisieux

2 volumes

Her spiritual life history, written by a devout French Carmelite nun a few years before her death in 1897 at the age of twenty-four. St. Thérèse, known as the "Little Flower," was canonized in 1925. Includes an introduction by John Beevers, translator of the work. 2001.

The Americas: A Hemispheric History BR 14899

by Felipe Fernández-Armesto

2 volumes

Oxford historian describes the Western Hemisphere from prehistoric times to the present. Topics include indigenous peoples, the slave trade, politics, and commerce. Also discusses the vast contrasts between north and south and the increasing preeminence of the United States beginning in the late eighteenth century with independence, unity, and industrialization. 2003.

Conditions of Love: The Philosophy of Intimacy BR 14913

by John Armstrong

1 volume

Reflections on meanings of love—from "falling in love" to long-term love. Using examples from literature, history, and philosophy, Armstrong discusses infatuation, romance, love's importance, sexuality, and maturity. 2002.

Curves: Permanent Results without Permanent Dieting BR 14914

by Gary Heavin and Carol Colman

3 volumes

Fitness center founder Gary Heavin demonstrates how to achieve permanent weight loss by modifying one's lifestyle to include a fitness program

and healthy eating habits. Includes examples of specific exercises and sample menus that raise the metabolic rate and lead to loss of unwanted pounds. Best-seller 2003.

Essential Gardening for Teens

BR 14942

by Ruth Chasek

1 volume

Beginners' guide to planning and planting an outdoor plot or container garden. Provides advice on site selection, choosing plants, soil preparation, space design, growing plants from seeds, and garden care. For junior and senior high readers. 2000.

Fiction

Perish Twice BR 14595

by Robert B. Parker

2 volumes

In this sequel to *Family Honor* (BR 14400), Boston private investigator Sunny Randall is hired briefly by a lesbian to protect her against a stalker. A murder and puzzling loose ends keep Sunny unofficially on the case. Meanwhile, Sunny's sister and a good friend experience troubling breakups. Strong language. Bestseller 2000.

Back Story BR 14638

by Robert B. Parker

2 volumes

Boston P.I. Spenser agrees to help actress Daryl Silver investigate the murder of her mother twenty-eight years ago during a bank robbery. Spenser and colleague Hawk face danger when they uncover ties between a radical hippie group, the mob, and the FBI. Violence and strong language. Bestseller 2003.

Moby-Dick BR 14641

by Herman Melville

5 volumes

The sailor Ishmael tells the story of Captain Ahab's obsessive pursuit of the white whale in this novel which includes chapters on the natural history of the whale, the whole making an allegory of human potential and limitations. 1851.

Captain Blood BR 14666

by Rafael Sabatini

3 volumes

Great Britain, 1685. When physician Peter Blood is accused of treason against King James II for treating a wounded rebel, he is sentenced to slavery in Barbados. Once on the island he escapes to become a buccaneer—and eventually governor of Jamaica. 2003 introduction by Gary Hoppenstand. 1922.

Son of the Mob BR 14671

by Gordon Korman

2 volumes

Seventeen-year-old Vince Luca's father is the head of the local crime organization. Problems arise when Vince falls in love with Kendra Bightly, an FBI agent's daughter. And it's Kendra's father who's wiretapping Vince's house. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 2002.

Under a War-Torn Sky BR 14673

by L.M. Elliott

2 volumes

Europe, 1944. After his plane is shot down by Hitler's Luftwaffe, nineteen-year-old Lieutenant Henry Forester of Virginia begins trekking across occupied France. With help from members of the resistance, Henry tries to avoid capture and reach the safety of the

American lines. Some violence. For senior high readers. 2001.

Six Easy Pieces: Easy Rawlins Stories

BR 14676

by Walter Mosley

2 volumes

Seven interconnected short stories featuring Easy Rawlins in 1960s Los Angeles. Rawlins assists pals who are in trouble and encounters arson, murder, and mayhem. He also searches for his friend Mouse, who he suspects may still be alive. Some violence and some strong language. 2003.

Have Space Suit, Will Travel BR 14679

by Robert A. Heinlein

2 volumes

High school senior Kip Russell longs to go to the moon but is kidnapped by space pirates. He meets other prisoners on a flying saucer—an eleven-year-old girl named Peewee and a strange creature they call the Mother Thing. For junior and senior high readers. 1958.

Along Came Mary: A Bad Girl Creek

Novel BR 14680

by Jo-Ann Mapson

3 volumes

In this sequel to *Bad Girl Creek* (BR 13787), Mary Madigan (Maddy), a former rodeo worker, meets Beryl in Santa Fe and travels to Phoebe's California flower farm to meet other women looking for a new life. Phoebe is expecting a baby—a birth that may endanger her health. Strong language. 2003.

Blood Lake: A Filomena Buscarsela

Mystery BR 14683

by K.j.a. Wishnia

3 volumes

New York P.I. Filomena Buscarsela, a former revolutionary, brings her daughter home to Ecuador for a family visit.

When the local priest who had saved her life years before is murdered, Filomena uses her skills to avenge him. Strong language and some violence. 2002.

Tiger Eyes BR 14685

by Judy Blume

2 volumes

Davey, her mother, and her brother fly to New Mexico to stay with relatives after her father is murdered in a hold-up. Overwhelmed with grief, Davey can hardly function. But a gentle boy she meets in a canyon helps her recover. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1981.

Dancing in My Nuddy-Pants: Even Further Confessions of Georgia Nicolson BR 14686

by Louise Rennison

1 volume

Since her adventures in *Knocked Out by My Nunga-Nungas* (BR 14217), Georgia continues recording her affairs in her journal. She's attracted to Dave while dating Robbie, her cat impregnates a neighbor's, and her class takes a trip to Frogland (France). For senior high readers. 2002.

Sonny's War BR 14688

by Valerie Hobbs

2 volumes

Fourteen-year-old Cory's California life undergoes great changes in the late 1960s. Her father suddenly dies, her brother is sent to Vietnam, and she falls for the new teacher, Lawrence. Influenced by Lawrence's antiwar stand, Cory becomes an activist and follows him when he's fired. For senior high readers. 2002.

The Crush BR 14689

by Sandra Brown

3 volumes

Upon acquittal, hired killer Ricky Lozada becomes obsessed with the jury forewoman, Dr. Rennie Newton. Meanwhile Fort Worth detective Wick Threadgill, on leave from the department, seeks to avenge Lozada's murder of his brother. The policeman also falls for Rennie. Explicit descriptions of sex, violence, and strong language. Best-seller 2002.

Cat Seeing Double: A Joe Grey Mystery BR 14690

by Shirley Rousseau Murphy

3 volumes

A feline guest foils a bomb plot at the Molena Point police chief's wedding, where building contractor Ryan Flannery recognizes the would-be killer. The next morning she discovers her ex-husband's body in her garage. When Ryan becomes a suspect, cat detectives Joe Grey, Dulcie, and Kit take the case. Some violence. 2003.

The Last Kashmiri Rose BR 14693

by Barbara Cleverly

2 volumes

Calcutta, 1922. Scotland Yard commander Joseph Sandilands investigates the strange deaths of army officers' wives. The governor's niece suspects that a serial killer is murdering them. With her help, Sandilands discovers the culprit and his motives. Some violence and some strong language. 2001.

How to Cook a Tart BR 14694

by Nina Killham

2 volumes

Overweight cookbook author Jasmine March's life is in shambles when her

rich recipes become unpopular, her teenage daughter develops anorexia, and her husband takes a lover. After Jasmine discovers the lover's body in her kitchen, she hides it in unusual places. Some strong language. 2002.

Paragon Lost: A Chronicle of the King's Blades BR 14760

by Dave Duncan

3 volumes

Before his expulsion, Beaumont Cookson had been one of the finest loyal swordsmen, called the King's Blades. Now, with a swordsman abducted, Lord Roland turns to Beau for help, giving him one last chance to redeem his honor and overcome his disgraceful past. Companion to *Sky of Swords* (BR 13418). Some descriptions of sex and some violence. 2002.

Drinking Coffee Elsewhere BR 14766

by ZZ Packer

2 volumes

Eight short stories featuring African American women facing a variety of challenges. In "Geese," a young Baltimore woman travels to Japan in hopes of making a fortune. The title story features a Yale freshman who isolates herself until a white girl, also a misfit, comes to her for help. Strong language. 2003.

Office of Innocence BR 14780

by Thomas Keneally

3 volumes

Newly ordained Catholic priest Frank Darragh serves a parish outside Sydney, Australia, in the early 1940s when a Japanese invasion seems imminent and American soldiers flood the area. Already at odds with his superiors, Darragh comes under investigation after a parishioner—an adulteress wife of a

POW— is murdered. Some strong language. 2002.

Sugar Skull BR 14803

by Denise Hamilton

3 volumes

L.A. reporter Eve Diamond researches the background of murdered socialite Venus Dellaviglia Langdon, whose husband is running for mayor. Somehow the crime involves both Langdon's son and her lover. Eve also becomes emotionally involved with someone close to the case. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2003.

Naked Prey BR 14804

by John Sandford

3 volumes

Minneapolis cop Lucas Davenport takes a specially created state position to handle politically sensitive cases. Confronted with the apparent lynching of a black man and a white woman in a small rural community, Davenport discovers that the real motive behind the murders is not what it seems. Violence and strong language. Bestseller 2003.

Oryx and Crake BR 14805

by Margaret Atwood

3 volumes

In the near future, a lone human amidst genetically engineered creatures torments himself with memories of the devastation of the natural world. Calling himself "Snowman," he recalls the role of his best friend Crake and mourns the loss of their mutually beloved Oryx. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2003.

Come Home, My Heart BR 14857

by Phyllis Campbell

1 volume

Dr. Susan Perry, an obstetrician, becomes blind after a brain tumor is re-

moved. Once rehabilitated, she moves to a poor rural Virginia town. In her new career as a social worker, she becomes an integral part of the community and falls in love. 1988.

Die in Plain Sight BR 14866

by Elizabeth Lowell

3 volumes

When Lacey Quinn reveals to the public her late grandfather's outstanding works of art, someone threatens to destroy her and the paintings. Security specialist Ian Lapstrake assists in protecting Lacey while they hunt for the culprit and fall in love. Strong language, some explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. 2003.

Dating Game BR 14867

by Danielle Steel

3 volumes

Paris Armstrong's husband wants a divorce after twenty-four years of marriage. Frustrated with the single life in Connecticut, Paris soon moves to California, where her adult children live. At first the dating scene there is dreary, until she develops new friends. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller 2003.

Villa Incognito BR 14868

by Tom Robbins

2 volumes

Extravagant tale of three Americans declared missing-in-action who have chosen to remain in an edenic Laotian village decades after the Vietnam War's end, trafficking in opium. The unruly cast of characters includes an alluring woman descended from Japanese folklore's libidinous, sake-swilling, badger-like tanuki. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller 2003.

Seizure BR 14869

by Robin Cook

4 volumes

Senator Ashley Butler will hold up permission for stem-cell research being proposed by doctors Daniel Lowell and Stephanie D'Agostino unless they secretly perform experimental surgery on him to cure his Parkinson's. The politician also complicates the deal by wanting to use cells obtained from the Shroud of Turin. Bestseller 2003.

Fifteen Love BR 14877

by Robert Corbet

1 volume

Fifteen-year-olds Mia, a violist with family problems, and Will, a tennis player whose brother is paralyzed, gradually fall in love—both for the first time. They reveal feelings about each other, school, and friends while struggling to understand the opposite sex. For senior high readers. 2003.

Little Casino BR 14879

by Gilbert Sorrentino

1 volume

Autobiographical fiction depicting depression-era and postwar Brooklyn of the author's childhood and later years in fifty-two disparate vignettes. These often erotic, sometimes morbid fragments of memory provide fleeting glimpses of characters and time—snapshots of “love desired, love burgeoning, and love dying.” Explicit descriptions of sex and strong language. 2002.

Compromising Positions BR 14888

by Susan Isaacs

3 volumes (Reissue)

When a lecherous Long Island dentist is murdered in his office, his last patient, Marilyn Tuccio, is suspected. Judith

Singer, a wisecracking housewife and Marilyn's neighbor, cannot resist playing detective. Judith also finds police lieutenant Nelson Sharpe more appealing than her stodgy husband. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1978.

Windfallen BR 14889

by Jojo Moyes

4 volumes

The English seaside village of Merham boasts the magnificent art deco Arcadia House. After World War II, it is inhabited by an exotic clan of bohemians who fascinate childhood friends Celia Holden and Lottie Swift. Years later, renovation of the house forces an older Lottie to reveal some scandalous secrets from the past. 2003.

The Silent Boy BR 14890

by Lois Lowry

1 volume

America, early 1900s. Katy Thatcher recalls her early childhood as the daughter of a country doctor. She had befriended Jacob Stoltz, a teenager “touched in the head,” who, though silent, cared for animals and seemed kind. But then Jacob was accused of a terrible crime. For junior and senior high and older readers. 2003.

A Suitable Vengeance BR 14892

by Elizabeth George

4 volumes

In this prequel to *A Great Deliverance* (BR 7624), Scotland Yard detective Thomas Lynley and forensic scientist Simon Allcourt-St. James are both in love with Deborah Cotter. When the three visit Lynley's mother's estate in Cornwall, the men bury their differ-

ences to solve two murders. Some violence and some strong language. 1991.

Big City Cool: Short Stories about Urban Youth BR 14897

edited by M. Jerry Weiss and
Helen S. Weiss

2 volumes

In this companion to *Fishing for Chickens: Short Stories about Rural Youth* (BR 14274), fourteen scenarios describe growing up in a big city. In "Alone and All Together," two Arab American sisters experience the aftermath of September 11, 2001. Some violence and some strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2002.

Alice, I Think BR 14898

by Susan Juby

2 volumes

Humorous diary of fifteen-year-old misfit Alice, who is home-schooled by hippie parents in a rural Canadian town. On the advice of a new counselor she calls Death Lord Bob, she enrolls in high school and copes with finding friends, fitting in, and dating. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 2003.

The Street Lawyer BR 14903

by John Grisham

3 volumes

Michael Brock is on track to become a partner in his prestigious law firm, but that changes the day he is taken hostage by homeless DeVon Hardy. Disillusioned after learning his firm illegally evicted Hardy and others, Michael quits his job to work for street people. Some violence and some strong language. Bestseller 1998.

Moving Target BR 14904

by Elizabeth Lowell

3 volumes

Following her grandmother's violent death, Serena Charters inherits a piece of cloth, an illuminated Celtic manuscript, a numbered Swiss bank account, and a frightening warning. Now, as Serena tries to unravel her grandmother's mysterious past, she must keep on the move just to survive. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 2001.

The Future Homemakers of America

BR 14906

by Laurie Graham

3 volumes

Five Americans and one English woman become friends in 1952 when the American women's husbands are stationed in England. Over the next forty years they keep in touch, supporting and comforting each other through relocations, marriages, divorces, births, and untimely deaths. Some strong language. 2002.

Buddha Boy BR 14907

by Kathe Koja

1 volume

Teamed up with an unusual new high school student, Jinsen, for a class project, Justin discovers Jinsen's artistic skills. Intrigued by Jinsen's calm attitude toward the school bullies who torment him, Justin learns about Buddhism and reexamines his own values. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 2003.

Bleachers BR 14929

by John Grisham

1 volume

After fifteen years former high school quarterback Neely Crenshaw returns to

his hometown, where he learns that legendary football coach Eddie Rake lies dying. With other Spartans he reminisces about the “glory days” of their youth while contemplating his own lost potential. Some strong language. Bestseller 2003.

A Week in Winter BR 14940

by Marcia Willett

3 volumes

Despite her family’s objections, elderly

widow Maudie Todhunter decides to sell Moorgate, her old English farmhouse. Prospective buyers include Rob Abbot, the home’s renovator, and Melissa, a young woman hiding a tragic secret. For one glorious week, Moorgate enchants these strangers, who fall in love with the house and each other. 2001.

Books for Children

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

Nonfiction

Robots BR 14767

by Mark Bergin

1 volume

Traces the history of robots from mechanical toys to modern uses and future possibilities. Describes robots that perform repetitive tasks, operate in dangerous situations, assist in medical procedures, and work in space exploration, among other functions. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 2001.

Period: A Girl’s Guide to Menstruation; with a Parent’s Guide BR 14768

by JoAnn Loulan and Bonnie Worthen
1 volume

Discusses the physical and psychological changes that occur when menstruation starts, typically between the ages of nine and sixteen. Explains what to expect and what products are available. Gives

correct pronunciation of relevant medical terms and additional information for parents. For grades 5-8. 2001.

What If? A Kid’s Guide to Surviving Just about Anything BR 14788

by Lynne Gibbs

1 volume

Basic safety tips to help children handle hazardous situations. Self-protection information covers materials, methods, and skills for coping in the wilderness or in strong weather conditions, reacting to encounters with dangerous animals, applying simple first aid, and being “street-smart.” For grades 3-6. 2002.

Buddy: The First Seeing Eye Dog BR 14814

by Eva Moore

1 volume

Morris Frank, a blind man, traveled to Switzerland in the 1920s to train with his first guide dog, Buddy, a German shepherd. After learning to work together, Morris and Buddy went to the United States to teach other blind

people about Seeing Eye dogs. For grades 2-4. 1996.

Phillis Wheatley BR 14860

by Susan R. Gregson

1 volume

Biography of the African American poet Phillis Wheatley who was brought to colonial Boston in 1761 as a young slave. Describes Wheatley's education and family life and her success in the publishing world. For grades 4-7. 2002.

Helen Keller BR 14883

by Don McLeese

1 volume

Biography of Helen Keller, who became blind and deaf as the result of a childhood fever but learned to read, speak, and write. For grades 2-4. 2003.

When Marian Sang BR 15013

by Pam Muñoz Ryan

1 volume

A short biography of the internationally acclaimed singer Marian Anderson (1897-1993). The story, weaving in musical lyrics, recounts her journey from the church choir through appearances in the great music houses. An afterword discusses how Anderson's talent and noble spirit helped triumph over racism. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 2002.

Noah's Ark BR 15014

by Jerry Pinkney

1 volume

Noah follows God's command to build an ark to hold his family and two of every animal, in preparation for the great flood. A retelling of the biblical story. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. Caldecott Honor. 2002.

If the World Were a Village: A Book about the World's People BR 15019

by David J. Smith

1 volume

Depicts the world's population (more than six billion) as a village of one hundred people. Discusses the breakdown of nationalities, languages, ages, religions, levels of schooling, and other conditions of people in the village. Also compares the village's past and estimated future population. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 2002.

The Man Who Made Time Travel

BR 15020

by Kathryn Lasky

1 volume

Explains the eighteenth-century need for an instrument to determine a ship's position at sea and the lifelong efforts of John Harrison, an uneducated clock-maker, to create such a device. His desire for perfection and the simplicity of his sea clock solution worked against his receiving the offered prize. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 3-6. 2003.

Fiction

Changes for Kaya: A Story of Courage BR 14757

by Janet Shaw

1 volume

In this sequel to *Kaya Shows the Way* (BR 14756), Kaya faces danger from a sudden mountain fire while searching for Steps High, the horse stolen from her. Includes historical notes on the Nez Perce Indians. For grades 2-4. 2002.

The School Story BR 14771

by Andrew Clements

1 volume

After twelve-year-old Natalie writes a wonderful novel, her friend Zoe helps her devise a scheme involving their English teacher to get it accepted at the publishing house where Natalie's mother works. For grades 4-7. 2001.

Men of Stone BR 14811

by Gayle Friesen

2 volumes

Fifteen-year-old Ben, living with his widowed mother and three older sisters, gave up ballet when he started high school. Ben is still bullied at school, however, until his elderly Mennonite great-aunt visits and teaches him the value of courage. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2000.

Soldier Boys BR 14816

by Dean Hughes

1 volume

Two teenagers—Spencer Morgan, an American Mormon from Utah, and Dieter Hedrick from Germany—eagerly join the armies of their countries during World War II. Their paths cross at the Battle of the Bulge, where they learn that war is more than bravado. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2001.

The Dinosaur Mystery BR 14818

by Gertrude Chandler Warner

1 volume

The Boxcar Children's grandfather takes them to help the Pickering Natural History Museum set up its Dino World exhibit. They witness unusual shadows in the display hall, where some *Tyrannosaurus rex* bones disappear. For grades 3-6. 1995.

Skullduggery BR 14858

by Kathleen Karr

1 volume

New York, 1839. Twelve-year-old orphan Matthew Morrissey works as an assistant to a phrenologist who robs graves to study the skulls. A rival body snatcher follows them to Europe, where they search for the burial plots of famous dead people. Followed by *Bone Dry* (BR 14855). For grades 5-8. 2000.

A Wind in the Door BR 14880

by Madeleine L'Engle

2 volumes

Evil in the form of the Echthroi is spreading throughout the galaxy, but Meg Murry is not involved in the struggle until the Echthroi invade her younger brother. Sequel to *A Wrinkle in Time* (BR 09403). For grades 5-8. 1973.

A Swiftly Tilting Planet BR 14881

by Madeleine L'Engle

2 volumes

Charles Wallace, the youngest of the Murry children, must travel through time and space in a battle against an evil dictator who wants to destroy the entire universe. Sequel to *A Wind in the Door* (BR 14880). For grades 5-8. 1978.

Many Waters BR 14884

by Madeleine L'Engle

2 volumes

The twin Murry boys, Sandy and Denny, are accidentally sent back to a strange biblical time period, in which mythical beasts roam the desert, and a man named Noah is building a boat in preparation for a great flood. Sequel to *A Swiftly Tilting Planet* (BR 14881). For grades 5-8. 1986.

The Dark Horse BR 14891

by Marcus Sedgwick

1 volume

Before recorded history, an isolated coastal people known as the Storn fight to defend themselves against the nomadic and destructive Dark Horse. It all starts when Sigurd rescues a small girl—called Mouse by her adoptive family—whose true identity leads to betrayal. For grades 6-9. 2003.

Lord of the Kill BR 14894

by Theodore Taylor

1 volume

With his parents in India, sixteen-year-old Ben Jepson—from *Sniper* (BR 8709)—is in charge of Los Coyotes Preserve, a family-run refuge for big cats near Los Angeles. Two powerful groups try to shut down the shelter by intimidation, murder, and kidnapping the largest tiger in captivity. For grades 5-8. 2002.

Rugby and Rosie BR 14911

by Nan Parson Rossiter

1 volume

A young boy tells about his beloved dog, Rugby, and what happens when Rosie, a puppy, comes to stay with them. After a year, Rosie leaves for training to become a guide dog for a blind person. For grades K-3. 1997.

Behind the Mountains BR 14941

by Edwidge Danticat

1 volume

Thirteen-year-old Celiane begins a diary in 2000, describing her life with her mother and brother in Haiti during political disturbances. After emigrating with them to be reunited with her father in Brooklyn, Celiane writes about adjusting to her new situation. For grades 6-9. 2002.

The Mysterious Tadpole BR 15012

by Steven Kellogg

1 volume

Louis is delighted when his uncle gives him a tadpole from Scotland for his birthday. But it soon becomes clear that Louis's pet is not turning into an ordinary frog. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2002.

Dear Santa, Please Come to the 19th Floor BR 15015

by Yin

1 volume

Willy wants to make this Christmas special for his best friend now that Carlos is in a wheelchair. So he e-mails Santa asking him to bring a gift to Carlos in his apartment on the nineteenth floor. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2002.

What James Likes Best BR 15016

by Amy Schwartz

1 volume

Four stories about James and where he goes. He visits twin babies, his grandmother, the county fair, and his friend Angela. On each trip the reader is asked what he thinks James liked best. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 2003.

Peter's Chair BR 15021

by Ezra Jack Keats

1 volume

When Peter discovers his blue furniture is being painted pink for a new baby sister, he grabs the last unpainted piece—his old chair—and runs away with it. Outside, he tries to sit in the little chair and finds that he's grown too big! PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1967.

Zoom! BR 15022

by Robert Munsch

1 volume

When Laurretta's mother takes her shopping for a new wheelchair, Lau-

retta wants one that goes really fast. The store lets her have a 92-speed dirt-bike model for home testing, and then Laurretta's adventures begin. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2003.

Foreign Language Books

The following titles are available in the languages designated.

Spanish

Harry Potter y la Piedra Filosofal (Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone)

BR 14710

por J.K. Rowling

3 volumes

Al cumplir once años Harry Potter se entera de que es más que un huérfano indeseable. El Colegio Hogwarts de Magia y Hechicería le alista porque tiene habilidades innatas de magia. Anticipando su nueva vida en el colegio, Harry se prepara comprando túnicas negras, una varita de magia, un sombrero puntiagudo y una lechuza mensajera. Para grados 4 a 7 y lectores mayores. (On Harry Potter's eleventh birthday, he learns that he is more than an unwanted orphan. The Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry recruits him because of his inherent magical abilities. Harry looks forward to attending his new boarding school. For grades 4-7 and older readers.) 2001.

Harry Potter y la Cámara Secreta (Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets)

BR 14711

por J.K. Rowling

3 volumes

A pesar de una amenaza mortal que se cierne sobre el Colegio Hogwarts, Harry se dirige al colegio para iniciar el segundo año de estudios mágicos. Así pues, Harry encuentra peligros de la Cámara Secreta que alguien abrió. También, Harry vuelve a enfrentarse con la mismísima reencarnación de su más temible adversario. Sigue a *Harry Potter y la Piedra Filosofal (BR 14710)*. Para grados 4 a 7 y lectores mayores. (Despite a warning not to return to Hogwarts for his second year of wizardry studies, Harry shows up. Danger abounds when students turn to stone and the Chamber of Secrets is opened. Sequel to *Harry Potter y la Piedra Filosofal (BR 14710)*. For grades 4-7 and older readers.) 2001.

Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

Boys' Life (for children and teens, monthly)
Braille Book Review (bimonthly)
Braille Chess Magazine (British quarterly)
Braille Music Magazine (British monthly)
Conundrum (British monthly)
Cooking Light (10 issues)
ESPN: The Magazine (biweekly)
Harper's (literary; monthly)
Health Newsletters (includes **Harvard Health Letter**, **Mayo Clinic Health Letter**, and **University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter**; monthly)
Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine (monthly)
Ladies' Home Journal (monthly)
Martha Stewart Living (home and entertaining; 10 issues)
Muse (for children; 10 issues)
The Musical Mainstream (quarterly)
National Geographic (monthly)
The New York Times Large Type Weekly (weekly)
News (NLS quarterly)
Parenting (monthly except January and July)
PC World (personal computing; monthly)
Playboy (monthly)
Poetry (11 issues)

Popular Communications (monthly)
Popular Mechanics (monthly)
Popular Music Lead Sheets (irregular)
Rolling Stone (popular culture; 24 issues)
Science News (weekly)
Seventeen (for teens, monthly)
Short Stories (British monthly)
Spider: The Magazine for Children (monthly)
Stone Soup (children's writings; 5 issues)
Update (NLS quarterly)
The Washington Post Book World (weekly)

The following sports schedules are also available:

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California	Los Angeles	800-808-2555	(323) 660-3880
	Sacramento	800-952-5666	(916) 654-0640
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New York	Albany	800-342-3688	(518) 474-5935
	New York City		(212) 206-5400
North Carolina	Raleigh	888-388-2460	(919) 733-4376
North Dakota	Bismarck	800-843-9948	(701) 328-1408
Ohio	Cincinnati	800-582-0335	(513) 369-6999
	Cleveland	800-362-1262	(216) 623-2911
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Oregon	Salem	800-452-0292	(503) 378-3849
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South Carolina	Columbia	800-922-7818	(803) 734-4611
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Texas	Austin	800-252-9605	(512) 463-5458
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Vermont	Berlin	800-479-1711	(802) 828-3273
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The annotated list in this issue is limited to titles recently added to the national collection, which contains thousands of fiction and nonfiction titles, including classics, biographies, gothics, mysteries, and how-to and self-help guides. To learn more about the wide range of books in the national collection, readers may order catalogs and subject bibliographies from

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In Brief

Digital coordinator named

As the NLS digital talking book project enters its final and most crucial development phase, Jean Moss has been appointed digital projects coordinator. Ms. Moss will help ensure a smooth transition from the existing NLS analog cassette-based production and distribution system to a much improved system based in digital technology. She will work closely with the director, deputy director, and technical and managerial staff to assist in the implementation of this major transition, from which NLS's nearly 700,000 program users will begin to benefit with the introduction of digital talking book machines and media, planned for 2008.

An overview of the NLS digital talking book project can be found in the *Current Strategic Business Plan for the Implementation of Digital Systems* (December 2003) on the NLS web site:

[http://www.loc.gov/nls/
businessplan2003.html](http://www.loc.gov/nls/businessplan2003.html)

Ms. Moss will monitor plans and projects for the provision of digitally-based services to more than 140 libraries and their patrons in the nationwide network and for the acquisition, production, distribution, storage, and preservation of digital audio materials and equipment. She will identify potential technical and logistic problems in cooperative NLS activities and devise solutions. Working closely with staff, contractors, patrons, and affiliated agencies, she will track,

evaluate, and report on digital projects, tasks, schedules, and deadlines.

Jean Moss has been directly involved in digital planning since May 2003, when she was detailed from her post as assistant head of the NLS Production Control Section. In her production role, she assisted in planning, coordinating, and evaluating the annual production of more than 2,500 braille and recorded book and magazine titles. Supervising a staff of nine, she undertook statistical and contract performance analyses, prepared annual budgets of \$20 million, and developed business and management plans.

Ms. Moss came to NLS well prepared by her years in the private sector, where she worked first as a financial planner and investment counselor with the Prudential Insurance Company, then as circulation manager with Dow Jones/Wall Street Journal. Supervising a staff of sixty-five, she managed payroll, billing, fulfillment, and production activities and the distribution of publications in Virginia.

A graduate of Wellesley College, where she studied political science and mathematics, Ms. Moss is currently pursuing an MBA at the University of Maryland.

With comments or queries about the digital program, write Jean M. Moss, Digital Projects Coordinator, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, 1291 Taylor Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20542; or e-mail: jemo@loc.gov.

New NLS publications

The Reference Section has announced the availability of two new publications.

The 2004 edition of *Library Resources for the Blind and Physically Handicapped* contains information on NLS network libraries supplied through the Network Library Database, as well as information about non-NLS network resources gathered in a separate survey. The publication is available in regular print on request from the Reference Section and is posted on the NLS web site:

<http://www.loc.gov/nls/reference/directories/resources2004.html>

Deaf-Blindness: National Organizations and Resources (04-01), a revised and updated reference circular, has been issued in large print and will be available in braille in the near future. It is posted on the NLS web site:

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Adult Nonfiction

Frida: A Biography of Frida Kahlo **BR 14458**

by Hayden Herrera
6 volumes

Portrait of the twentieth-century Mexican artist often identified with the surrealists. Discusses the bus accident that brought her chronic pain from age eighteen until her death at forty-seven. Covers her tempestuous marriage to muralist Diego Rivera. Explores the relation between her paintings and her physical and mental anguish. Some strong language. 1983.

Love across Color Lines: Otilie Assing and Frederick Douglass **BR 14461**

by Maria Diedrich
6 volumes

Harvard University research fellow examines the nineteenth-century relationship between Frederick Douglass and his female friend and translator, Otilie Assing. Details the growth of emotional and intellectual ties between the white German journalist and the black abolitionist (a former slave) in an era of class and racial discrimination. 1999.

The Richard Rodgers Reader **BR 14586** edited by Geoffrey Block 5 volumes

Essays about the career of the popular American composer for the musical stage. Critical overviews introduce key phases of Rodgers’s creative life: collaborations with Lorenz Hart from 1919 to 1943, with Oscar Hammerstein between 1943 and 1960, and on his own in later years, to 1979. Includes selections from Rodgers’s own writings. 2002.

The Clueless Baker: Baking from Scratch—Easy as Pie **BR 14682**

by Evelyn Raab
2 volumes

In this companion to *Clueless in the Kitchen* (BR 11857), the author explains the basic skills and equipment needed by the successful baker. Includes recipes and instructions for making breads, cookies, cakes, pies, and other goodies from scratch. For junior and senior high readers. 2001.

A Guide to the Elements **BR 14718** by Albert Stwertka

2 volumes
Introduction to the 114 chemical elements identified so far on the periodic table. Traces the history of this table and discusses each element’s discovery, its properties, and its uses. For senior high and older readers. 2002.

Generations of Captivity: A History of African-American Slaves **BR 14726**

by Ira Berlin
4 volumes

In this sequel to *Many Thousands Gone* (BR 14699), Berlin continues relating the history of American slavery from its beginnings in the seventeenth century to its abolition in the nineteenth. Discusses differences in the northern and

southern parts of the country, slavery and the westward migration, and emancipation. 2003.

In the Land of Pain BR 14729

by Alphonse Daudet

1 volume

A collection of autobiographical notes from a nineteenth-century French writer slowly dying of syphilis. In these candid reflections, Daudet (1840–1897) describes fellow patients, the treatments that brought little relief, the physical agony of his symptoms, and the profound suffering and fear that left him contemplating suicide. 1930.

Simply Einstein: Relativity Demystified BR 14769

by Richard Wolfson

3 volumes

Physicist explains for nonscientists the underlying principles of Einstein's theory of relativity. Explores the history of ideas that culminated in Einstein's vision of a four-dimensional universe of relativistic space-time. The author anticipates frequently asked questions, discussing time travel, curved space, black holes, and new meanings for past and future. 2003.

Greek Myths BR 14772

retold by Robert Graves

2 volumes

Covers the creation myths; the legends of the great Olympians; the Theseus, Oedipus, and Heracles cycles; the Argonaut voyage; the tale of Troy; and more. Contains references to the classical sources and includes interpretations of myths in light of archaeological and anthropological research. 1955.

Life Script: How the Human Genome Discoveries Will Transform Medicine and Enhance Your Health BR 14779

by Nicholas Wade

2 volumes

New York Times science reporter reconstructs the race to map the human genome—decoded in June 2000—and considers the potential of genomic technology to usher in a new era of medicine. Wade predicts new protein-based drugs, improved diagnostic testing, and innovative gene-oriented medical treatments. 2001.

The Octopus and the Orangutan: More True Tales of Animal Intrigue, Intelligence, and Ingenuity BR 14781

by Eugene Linden

2 volumes

More anecdotes from zookeepers, trainers, and veterinarians provide further evidence of the higher mental capabilities of animals. Includes a broad range of behaviors and species, including an octopus reputedly able to pick the lock on its cage. The author explores the nature of intelligence in both animals and humans. Companion to *The Parrot's Lament* (BR 13191). 2002.

War Is a Force That Gives Us Meaning BR 14784

by Chris Hedges

2 volumes

Drawing on personal experience and combat literature, award-winning journalist explores human beings' obsession with conflict. Hedges demonstrates how the "myth of war" conditions people to embrace the glory of battle in pursuit of a noble cause and contrasts this myth with the brutal realities of modern warfare. Some violence. 2002.

Robert E. Lee BR 14786

by Roy Blount

2 volumes

Cultural journalist and humorist with a southern upbringing offers insights into the character of Confederate Civil War general Robert E. Lee (1807–1870).

Discusses Lee's background, the strengths and weaknesses of his military tactics, and his sense of honor. Appendixes explore Lee's sexuality, quirky humor, and attitude toward slavery. 2003.

The Company: A Short History of a Revolutionary Idea BR 14789

by John Micklethwait and

Adrian Wooldridge

2 volumes

Economist editors examine the history of the limited-liability joint-stock corporation—"the most important organization in the world"—from 3000 B.C. to the twenty-first century. The authors argue that companies have given the West a great competitive advantage and have, on the whole, evolved toward a more socially responsible posture. 2003.

The One Hundred Best Love Poems of All Time BR 14797

edited by Leslie Pockell

1 volume

This collection, which follows *The One Hundred Best Poems of All Time* (BR 13554), contains verses of romance, passion, and reminiscence from the early classical period to the present. Includes Shakespeare's "Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer's Day?" and works by Rumi, Sylvia Plath, and John Donne—each prefaced by the editor. 2003.

The Good Life: Truths That Last in Times of Need BR 14812

by Peter J. Gomes

3 volumes

"Out of all this moral discourse and analysis, what can I find and use to make a life, and not just a living?" Inspired by this type of moral curiosity from his students, Harvard minister and bestselling author addresses the theological and practical foundations for pursuing the virtuous life. 2002.

Long Time, No See BR 14821

by Beth Finke

2 volumes

NPR commentator's memoir of confronting blindness from diabetic retinopathy. Includes medical information pertinent to her personal experience of going blind as a twenty-six-year-old newlywed, having and caring for a multiply disabled child, using a talking-computer setup, and acquiring a guide dog to support her independence. Some strong language. 2003.

Terror and Liberalism BR 14830

by Paul Berman

2 volumes

Liberal political and cultural critic examines the history and philosophy of totalitarianism leading up to the rise of Islamist extremism. Provides insights into terrorist ideologies and advocates strategic American interventions throughout the world to promote democracy. 2003.

Disabled Rights: American Disability Policy and the Fight for Equality BR 14882

by Jacqueline Vaughn Switzer

4 volumes

History and politics of the disability rights movement in the United States. Discusses how the disability community

has coalesced in the past fifty years to press its demands and how passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act has shaped public policy and individual expectations. Also reviews ADA-related litigation and some “hot button” issues. 2003.

Make Them Go Away: Clint Eastwood, Christopher Reeve, and the Case against Disability Rights BR 14901

by Mary Johnson

3 volumes

Journalist explores the backlash against the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act and society’s focus on medical treatment rather than equal opportunities. Discusses Clint Eastwood’s decision to fight a lawsuit for access violations, Christopher Reeve’s goal to walk again, and the proposed ADA Notification Act. 2003.

Aqua Fitness: The Low-Impact Total Body Fitness Workout BR 14905

by Mimi Rodriguez Adami

2 volumes

Advocates total body workout in deep and shallow water as well as at the beach to attain fitness and health. Describes exercises for specific muscles, suggests appropriate equipment, and recommends sports and relaxation programs. 2002.

Company’s Coming: Make-Ahead Meals BR 14908

by Jean Paré

2 volumes

Collection of recipes from appetizers to desserts designed to prepare now and use later. Includes recipes for complete dishes, as well as make-ahead basic recipes that can be combined later with various ingredients to create numerous meals. Preparation times and freezing

and storage instructions are also included. 2002.

Free (or Almost Free) Prescription Medications: Where and How to Get Them BR 14909

by David Johnson

2 volumes

The author, a multiple sclerosis patient who lost his health insurance, lists 168 prescription drug assistance programs run by pharmaceutical companies for low-income people not qualifying for state aid. Provides information on each program’s eligibility criteria, enrollment instructions, steps required of patients and their doctors, and other details. 2002.

The Life of Saint Teresa of Avila by Herself BR 14910

translated by J.M. Cohen

3 volumes

Autobiography of St. Teresa (1515–1582), written at the request of her confessors. The devout Spanish Carmelite nun and mystic founded seventeen convents in Spain. A classic spiritual work translated and with an introduction by J.M. Cohen. 1957.

Kate Remembered BR 14926

by A. Scott Berg

3 volumes

Berg’s memoir of his twenty-year personal dialog with Academy Award-winning actress Katharine Hepburn (1907–2003). He recalls her reminiscences about her family, her acting career, and her relationship with Spencer Tracy, along with his own memories of his time spent with her. Bestseller 2003.

Schott’s Original Miscellany BR 14934

by Ben Schott

3 volumes

Unique collection of trivia that covers

such topics as the longest word in English, knitting abbreviations, deities of various cultures, English monarchs, American diner slang, chat-room acronyms, and the Order of Service for the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales. Bestseller 2002.

Let's Talk: Sharing Our Thoughts and Feelings during Times of Crisis

BR 15083

by Michele Alpern

1 volume

Offers teens practical information on coping with stressful events such as death, divorce, job loss, and disasters. Suggests ways to deal with depression and anxiety and outlines strategies for establishing good communication. For junior and senior high readers. 2003.

Fiction

The Reluctant Suitor BR 14639

by Kathleen E. Woodiwiss

5 volumes

Lady Adriana Sutton and Colton Wyndham were betrothed as children by their parents. Opposed to his father's plans, Colton left for the Napoleonic wars. He returned to find Adriana a charming and lovely young woman. His decision to marry her leads to some surprising discoveries. Some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 2003.

Certain Prey BR 14728

by John Sandford

3 volumes

Clara Rinker, raped at sixteen, kills her assailant and becomes a hit woman for the Mafia. A job "working" for Carmel Loan, a Minneapolis defense attorney, hits a snag, and Clara and Carmel must save themselves from Minneapolis po-

liceman Lucas Davenport. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1999.

Knock Me off My Feet BR 14730

by Susan Donovan

3 volumes

Autumn Adams, a.k.a. "Homey Helen," Chicago's version of Martha Stewart, receives threatening letters. Detective Stacey Quinn, assigned to the case, is determined to thoroughly examine Autumn's past. He just doesn't expect to find himself falling in love. Explicit descriptions of sex and strong language. 2002.

The Outlaw and the Lady BR 14732

by Lorraine Heath

2 volumes

Fortune, Texas; 1891. Outlaw Lee Raven and his gang kidnap a bank robbery witness and realize later that beautiful Angela Bainbridge is blind. At Raven's Mexican home the two fall in love before the Texas Rangers arrive. Explicit descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. 2001.

**The Second Summer of the Sisterhood
BR 14736**

by Ann Brashares

3 volumes

In this sequel to *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* (BR 13765), four lifelong friends—Bridget, Lena, Tibby, and Carmen—continue to share a pair of magic blue jeans over the summer vacation. Although miles apart, they all experience family problems, romance, friendship, and betrayal. For senior high readers. 2003.

A Foreign Field BR 14738

by Gillian Chan

1 volume

During World War II, fourteen-year-old

Ellen Logan of Ontario, Canada, meets seventeen-year-old RAF pilot Stephen Dearborn, who is training at a nearby air force base. Over time they become close friends as Stephen struggles with fear and nightmares before shipping out. Some strong language. For senior high readers. 2002.

Frozen Rodeo BR 14739

by Catherine Clark
2 volumes

Sixteen-year-old Peggy Fleming Farrell spends the summer working at a gas station coffee bar, yearning for a boyfriend, and helping her mother through Lamaze classes. Meanwhile her dad tries to make a comeback as a professional ice skater. For senior high readers. 2003.

**Officer Friendly and Other Stories
BR 14743**

by Lewis Robinson
2 volumes

Eleven short stories set primarily in the seaside town of Point Allison, Maine. In "The Diver," a yuppie boater is challenged by a knife-wielding local hired to free the boat's propeller. In the title story, the arresting officer of two teenage hoodlums has a heart attack. Strong language, some descriptions of sex, and some violence. 2003.

**The Scent of Spiced Oranges and Other
Stories BR 14745**

by Les Roberts
2 volumes

Ten stories of mystery and surprise. In "Little Cat Feet," felines help a private investigator solve his case. In the title work, a married man on a lonely stretch of highway acts in response to his infatuation with another driver. Violence and some strong language. 2002.

Shutter Island BR 14802

by Dennis Lehane
3 volumes

The events of four strange days in late summer 1954, when two U.S. marshals arrive on tiny Shutter Island to investigate a female patient's disappearance from a locked room in the asylum for the criminally insane. And that is only one aspect of the case. Some strong language. 2003.

**The Quilter's Legacy: An Elm Creek
Quilts Novel BR 14817**

by Jennifer Chiaverini
3 volumes

While preparing for her wedding to Andrew, Sylvia searches for her late mother Eleanor's heirloom quilts but discovers they were sold decades ago. Pursuing leads to find them, she learns more about Eleanor's past and events touching her, such as the sinking of the *Titanic* and the flu epidemic of 1918. 2003.

The Captain's Wife BR 14820

by Douglas Kelley
3 volumes

In 1856, the captain of the clipper ship *Neptune's Car* falls ill at sea, leaving his pregnant young wife to command the vessel and its mutinous crew as they round treacherous Cape Horn. Kelley's novel is based on the true story of Joshua and Mary Patten. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 2001.

Alt Ed BR 14829

by Catherine Atkins
2 volumes

Six troubled students are assigned to an after-school alternative education class instead of being expelled. The coach's overweight daughter, Susan Callaway, recounts what happens in these sessions

and how a gay guy becomes her best friend. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. For senior high readers. 2003.

Blood of My Blood BR 14832

by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
2 volumes

In this autobiographical first novel—unpublished until 2002—by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Yearling* (BR 12512), Rawlings chronicles her growth as an artist. Includes portrayals of her sympathetic father; her cold, domineering mother; and some pioneer ancestors. 1928.

Death Comes for the Archbishop

BR 14859

by Willa Cather
2 volumes

A tale about the exploits of Bishop Jean Latour and Father Joseph Vaillant, French Catholic priests who organized pioneer and Indian missions throughout the newly created diocese of New Mexico in the second half of the nineteenth century. 1927.

Moon over Manhattan: Mystery and Mayhem BR 14862

by Larry King and Thomas H. Cook
2 volumes

Wealthy teenager Allison Vandameer, daughter of a liberal television commentator in New York City, plots a fake elopement to blackmail dad into letting her attend film school. The plan goes awry when her dim-witted boyfriend, Goonie, gets confused. Further schemes involve Goonie, a doorman, a reporter, and other hustlers. Some strong language. 2003.

Deception on His Mind BR 14864

by Elizabeth George
6 volumes

Sergeant Barbara Havers of Scotland Yard probes the murder of a wealthy Pakistani immigrant in a sleepy Essex resort town. As community liaison in the ethnically sensitive case, Havers must bridge a cultural gulf to complete the complex investigation. Descriptions of sex, violence, and strong language. Bestseller 1997.

Cyanide Wells BR 14870

by Marcia Muller
2 volumes

The disappearance of Matthew Lindstrom's wife fourteen years ago, just before their divorce, branded him a murderer and destroyed his career. When he discovers Gwen is alive, Matt heads for California to look for answers and possibly revenge—but instead finds her lesbian lover and an even bigger mystery. Some strong language. 2003.

A Place of Hiding BR 14871

by Elizabeth George
6 volumes

Scotland Yard Inspector Thomas Lynley's colleague, forensic scientist Simon St. James, comes to the aid of his wife's American friend China River. China is accused of murdering millionaire Guy Brouard on the island of Guernsey after she and her half-brother deliver a package of blueprints to him there. Strong language and some violence. 2003.

The Best Mysteries of Mary Roberts Rinehart BR 14885

by Mary Roberts Rinehart
5 volumes

Collection of four classic mystery tales by Mary Roberts Rinehart (1876–1958), written in the early twentieth century.

Includes *The Circular Staircase*, *The Man in Lower Ten*, *The Window at the White Cat*, and *The Buckled Bag*. 2002.

The Song of the Earth BR 14895

by Hugh Nissenson

2 volumes

Mock biography of John Firth Baker, the first genetically engineered visual artist, born in 2037. On the tenth anniversary of Baker's murder at nineteen, a young reporter pieces together interviews and documents to portray his life, homosexuality, and art—a blend of science and religion. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2001.

Playing for the Ashes BR 14896

by Elizabeth George

6 volumes

Detective inspector Thomas Lynley and his partner Barbara Havers investigate the murder of cricket star Kenneth Fleming. While having an affair with Gabriella Patten, Fleming had been living with his former teacher, Miriam Whitelaw, whose daughter is dying. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller 1994.

The Enemy Has a Face BR 14922

by Gloria D. Miklowitz

1 volume

Middle schooler Netta Hofman and her family have temporarily moved to Los Angeles from Israel when her seventeen-year-old brother disappears. Netta becomes convinced that Arab terrorists are involved, even as she befriends a Palestinian boy at school. For junior and senior high readers. 2003.

The Year of the Hangman BR 14923

by Gary Blackwood

2 volumes

Unruly fifteen-year-old Creighton Brown, banished from England in 1777, goes to live with his uncle in the American colonies, then nearly defeated by British forces. Abducted by patriot rebels en route to Florida, Creighton is taken to New Orleans, where he soon has to choose sides. For junior and senior high readers. 2002.

My Heart's Desire BR 14935

by June Masters Bacher

2 volumes

Covered-wagon era, the westward push to Oregon. In this sequel to *Seasons of Love* (BR 10473), Yolanda's wedding day dawns bright, but is shattered when Blue Bucket Mine explodes, claiming the life of her new husband and of Rachel's husband, Cole. As both women struggle to understand God's will, new men enter their lives. 1986.

The Heart Remembers BR 14936

by June Masters Bacher

2 volumes

Oregon Territory, nineteenth century. After ten years in prison Julius Doogan returns to Lordsburg, and Yolanda fears he will jeopardize her marriage to Maynard Killjoy. She relies on her faith in God and the strength of her best friend, Rachel, as she and Maynard face several crises. Sequel to *My Heart's Desire* (BR 14935). 1990.

From This Time Forth BR 14937

by June Masters Bacher

2 volumes

Oregon Territory, nineteenth century. In this sequel to *The Heart Remembers* (BR 14936), Yolanda's sister Callie has

fallen in love with teacher Bonaparte Bixby. Unfortunately Bixby has his own reasons for being in Lordsburg. Yolanda and her best friend, Rachel, unite with the town women to deal with Bixby and other unsavory arrivals. 1991.

The Chili Queen BR 14986

by Sandra Dallas

2 volumes

On the train to Nalgitas, New Mexico, brothel owner Addie French meets Emma Roby, a mail-order bride. When Emma's prospective husband fails to show, Addie takes her in at her "boarding house"—the Chili Queen. There Emma meets Welcome, the African American cook, and Ned, an outlaw. Together they devise a moneymaking scheme. Spur Award. 2002.

Abandon in Place BR 14987

by Jerry Oltion

3 volumes

When astronaut Rick Spencer boards a

ghost Saturn V rocket, he can't resist landing on the moon—collecting his girlfriend and a mission astronomer on the way. During their return quarantine, Rick and Tessa discover they have psychic powers. Expanded version of Nebula Award-winning novella. Some strong language. 2000.

Lost BR 15073

by Joy Fielding

3 volumes

Toronto divorcée Cindy Carver's twenty-one-year-old daughter, Julia, fails to return home after an audition with a famous Hollywood director. Cindy suspects all her acquaintances in the disappearance—even her ex-husband. She feels remorse that she never really connected with her self-absorbed firstborn. Some strong language. 2003.

Books for Children

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

Nonfiction

In the Days of the Pharaohs: A Look at Ancient Egypt BR 14737

by Milton Meltzer

1 volume

Introduction to the ancient Egyptian civilization which rose more than five thousand years ago and flourished for millennia. Discusses the people's agricultural way of life, and their beliefs, customs, and achievements. Covers

such topics as wars, pyramids, religion, mummies, calendars, and hieroglyphics. For grades 5-8. 2001.

**Helping Paws: Dogs That Serve
BR 14741**

by Melinda Luke

1 volume

Explains why dogs are useful to people—such as ranchers, policemen, and rescue teams. Discusses service dogs—guide dogs for the blind, alert dogs for the deaf, and therapy dogs for invalids, among others. For grades 2-4. 2001.

Lewis and Clark: From Ocean to Ocean
BR 14835

by Harold Faber
1 volume

Introduces the explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark who led the first United States expedition to the Pacific coast from 1804–1806. Discusses their adventures crossing the continent, their encounters with Native Americans, and the hardships of the journey. For grades 5-8. 2002.

Let's Talk about Going to the Hospital
BR 14838

by Marianne Johnston
1 volume

Explains what a hospital is and what to expect when you go there. Describes items a child may take, the check-in process, things nurses and doctors may do, and going home. For grades K-3. 1997.

Gettysburg **BR 14839**

by MacKinlay Kantor
1 volume

Describes the bloodiest engagement of the Civil War—the Battle of Gettysburg in July 1863—and its impact on the people in the part of Pennsylvania where it was fought. Includes the text of President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. For grades 4-7. 1952.

Space Missions **BR 14925**

by Deborah A. Shearer
1 volume

Brief descriptions of past activities performed by scientists and astronauts during space travel. Includes accounts of experiments executed remotely by robots and aboard the international space station. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 2003.

Helen Keller **BR 14991**

by Cynthia Klingel and
Robert B. Noyed
1 volume

A beginning reader about the life of Helen Keller. For grades K-3. 2002.

Kitty Riddles **BR 14992**

by Katy Hall and Lisa Eisenberg
1 volume

A collection of riddles about cats and kittens. For example: Why did the baby cat carry around a box of band-aids? She wanted to be a first-aid kit! For grades 2-4. 2000.

What Do You Do with a Tail like This?
BR 15017

by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page
1 volume

Explains how a lot of animals use their noses, ears, tails, eyes, mouths, and feet in very different ways. A glossary provides more information about these animals. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3 and older readers. 2003.

Millions to Measure **BR 15023**

by David M. Schwartz
1 volume

Marvelosissimo the Mathematical Magician explains the development of standard units of measure and shows the simplicity of using the metric system to calculate length, height, weight, and volume. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 2003.

Talkin' about Bessie: The Story of Aviator
Elizabeth Coleman **BR 15024**

by Nikki Grimes
1 volume

Biography of the first licensed African American female pilot. Bessie grew up in the early 1900s when airplanes were new, pilots were men, and racial preju-

dice against African Americans was strong. She became a daring stunt flyer anyway. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 3-6 and older readers. Coretta Scott King Award. 2002.

Special Olympics BR 15084

by Mike Kennedy

1 volume

Short history of Special Olympics—the winter and summer athletic games held every four years for competitors who are mentally retarded. Discusses this condition and explains how these special participants are chosen. For grades 3-6. 2002.

Fiction

The Guide Dog Mystery BR 14748

by Gertrude Chandler Warner

1 volume

When Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny visit a guide dog training school, mysterious things begin to happen. After someone breaks into the kennel, all the dogs are still there, but Ginger's pen is covered with scratch marks. The Boxcar Children investigate. For grades 3-6. 1996.

Where the Ground Meets the Sky

BR 14749

by Jacqueline Davies

2 volumes

During World War II, Hazel and her parents move to New Mexico where her father works on a confidential army project. Hazel's mother has trouble adjusting while Hazel and her curious classmates ferret out spies and the big secret. For grades 5-8. 2002.

Falcon and the Charles Street Witch

BR 14750

by Luli Gray

1 volume

When *Falcon's Egg* (BR 10546) ended, Falcon feared never seeing the dragon (Egg) again. But they meet in an unusual way: Falcon's younger brother, Toody, falls out of an airplane, closely followed by Falcon—who lands in a witch's yard in New York City! For grades 4-7. 2002.

Artemis Fowl: The Eternity Code

BR 14808

by Eoin Colfer

2 volumes

Learning that his father plans to go straight after returning from imprisonment by the Russian Mafiya described in *Artemis Fowl: The Arctic Incident* (BR 14188), Artemis plots one last scheme. But his deal with a powerful businessman over advanced technology stolen from the fairies goes painfully awry. For grades 5-8. 2003.

The Silent Spillbills BR 14921

by Tor Seidler

1 volume

Thirteen-year-old bird watcher Katerina, plagued by stuttering and lack of self-confidence, stands up to her cantankerous grandfather, head of Farnsworth Aeronautics, to save the unique Connecticut wetland birds that inspired the design of his latest airplane but twice caused it to crash. For grades 5-8. 1998.

Put Me in the Zoo BR 14990

by Robert Lopshire

1 volume

A magical dog joins the circus, because the zoo won't have him. Beginning reader. For preschool-grade 2. 1960.

Inkheart BR 14997

by Cornelia Funke
4 volumes

Twelve-year-old Meggie lives with her father, Mo, a bookbinder. She discovers a terrible secret: nine years ago when Mo read aloud from a book the characters appeared in real life while her mother disappeared into the story. Mo's magic causes still more problems to solve. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 2003.

**Mutiny! Pirate Hunter, Book 1
BR 14999**

by Brad Strickland and
Thomas E. Fuller
1 volume

In 1687 eleven-year-old Irish orphan Davy sails to Jamaica to live with his uncle, Dr. "Patch" Shea. They join a British frigate where Patch and his friend Lieutenant William Hunter help stage an aborted mutiny. Fleeing, the mutineers commandeer a sloop and masquerade as pirates. Precedes *Guns of Tortuga* (BR 15069). For grades 4-7. 2002.

A Tiger Called Thomas BR 15029

by Charlotte Zolotow
1 volume (Reissue)

Thomas, a shy boy in a new neighborhood, finds that the tiger costume he wears for Halloween gives him unexpected help in making friends. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1963.

One Witch BR 15030

by Laura Leuck
1 volume

A counting book follows as a witch visits her friends from two cats to ten werewolves and gathers the gruesome

ingredients to make a stew for her party. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 2003.

**The Guns of Tortuga: Pirate Hunter,
Book 2 BR 15069**

by Brad Strickland and
Thomas E. Fuller
1 volume

In this sequel to *Mutiny!* (BR 14999), Davy Shea continues to assist his physician uncle Patch aboard Captain Hunter's warship that is on a secret mission to rid the sea of pirates. The captain sends Davy to Tortuga island to uncover the plans of evil pirate Jack Steele hiding there. For grades 4-7. 2003.

My Side of the Mountain BR 15070

by Jean Craighead George
1 volume (Reissue)

Sam Gribbley recounts his year of adventures and survival in the Catskill Mountains after running away from his New York City home. He makes a snug shelter in a tree trunk, eats berries and nuts, has a falcon for a hunting partner—and finds he misses human companionship. For grades 5-8. Newbery Honor. 1959.

**Christopher Robin Leads an Expedition
BR 15071**

retold by Stephen Krensky
1 volume

When Christopher Robin plans an expedition to discover the North Pole, he asks his favorite bear, Winnie-the-Pooh, to gather their companions and things to eat. They have a wonderful outing and make their own decision about the Pole. Beginning chapter book. For grades 2-4. 2003.

The Seeing Summer BR 15075

by Jeannette Eyerly

1 volume (Reissue)

At first Carey is disappointed when she learns Jenny, the new girl next door, is blind. She soon discovers, though, that she and Jenny are more alike than different, especially after they are kidnapped. For grades 3-6. 1981.

The Matchlock Gun BR 15077

by Walter D. Edmonds

1 volume (Reissue)

While his father is away fighting during the French and Indian War in 1756, ten-year-old Edward Van Alstyne helps his mother ward off an Indian attack by fir-

ing an ancient Spanish musket. For grades 3-6. Newbery Medal. 1941.

Heart of Steele: Pirate Hunter, Book 3

BR 15078

by Brad Strickland and

Thomas E. Fuller

1 volume

Caribbean, 1688. Davy Shea and the rest of the *Aurora's* crew continue their search, begun in *The Guns of Tortuga* (BR 15069), for pirate king Jack Steele. The pirate implicates Captain William Hunter as the real culprit behind the rampant plunder, while Hunter's crew struggles to find Steele's warship. For grades 4-7. 2003.

Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

Boys' Life (for children and teens, monthly)

Braille Book Review (bimonthly)

Braille Chess Magazine (British quarterly)

Braille Music Magazine (British monthly)

Conundrum (British monthly)

Cooking Light (10 issues)

ESPN: The Magazine (biweekly)

Harper's (literary; monthly)

Health Newsletters (includes **Harvard Health Letter**, **Mayo Clinic Health Letter**, and **University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter**; monthly)

Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine (monthly)

Ladies' Home Journal (monthly)

Martha Stewart Living (home and entertaining; 10 issues)

Muse (for children; 10 issues)

The Musical Mainstream (quarterly)

National Geographic (monthly)

The New York Times Large Type Weekly (weekly)

News (NLS quarterly)

Parenting (monthly except January and July)

PC World (personal computing; monthly)

Playboy (monthly)

Poetry (11 issues)

Popular Communications (monthly)

Popular Mechanics (monthly)

Popular Music Lead Sheets (irregular)

Rolling Stone (popular culture; 24 issues)
Science News (weekly)
Seventeen (for teens, monthly)
Short Stories (British monthly)
Spider: The Magazine for Children (monthly)
Stone Soup (children's writings; 5 issues)
Update (NLS quarterly)
The Washington Post Book World (weekly)

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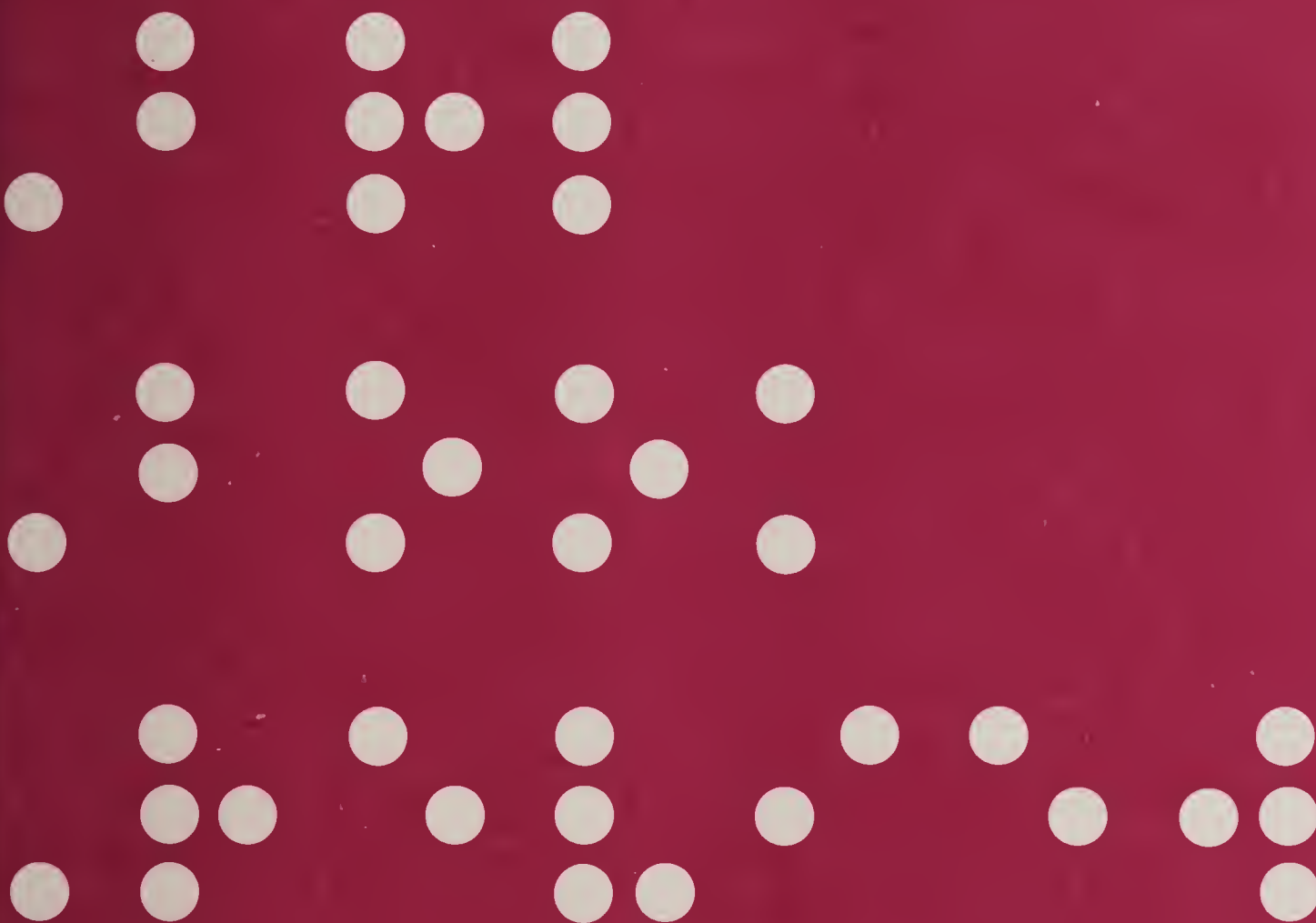
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In Brief

The following material is reprinted from *NLS Flash*, December 2004, volume 1, issue 2, a newsletter created to bring current information on NLS progress in digital technology to patrons, library staff, and other interested individuals.

Flash technology: the perfect fit for NLS

What has been dipped in cola, put through a washing machine, dunked in coffee, trampled by a skateboard, run over by a child's toy car and given to a six-year-old boy to destroy? Answer: a flash cartridge—an extremely durable device.

Five cartridges were tested. Five survived. For this reason, among others, NLS settled on flash memory as the new distribution technology for its digital talking books (DTB).

Flash memory—a term coined for the system's ability to rewrite content “in a flash”—is the industry standard for handheld devices such as cell phones, digital cameras and palmtop computers. It combines rewritability and portability with ease of operation and decreasing costs—all features that make it attractive to both the users of DTBs and librarians.

In addition, the flash cartridges will be about the size of a credit card, or approximately 2 x 3½ inches. This will permit NLS to label book titles in braille as well as large print. “Flash technology will provide readers with a DTB that is easy to use, portable, and virtually indestructible with the high-quality sound one expects from a digital product. It will allow users the reading experience of their

choice,” says Frank Kurt Cylke, the director of NLS.

Flash was not a rash decision. NLS examined the range of other memory storage devices, such as the CD-ROM and magnetic drives. Until recently, flash memory was priced too high. But now costs are reasonable. “NLS has been tracking this technology for a number of years. Now it is clear from the continued drop in prices and from projections by industry analysts that it will be feasible by 2008,” says Michael Moodie, deputy director of NLS.

Consider the alternatives. Why flash cartridges instead of the more familiar CD-ROM? CDs are low-cost and can store a book; however, they are difficult to handle especially for people with limited dexterity. The discs are easily damaged and must be inspected each time they are sent out, or a new copy produced for each circulation. In addition, CD players are fragile and repairs are expensive.

A magnetic hard drive system was also considered. This medium could store as many as 300 book titles on a single machine. However, the drives have sensitive electromechanical parts that damage easily and are expensive to repair.

Based on careful evaluation of all available options, a flash-memory-based system was adopted for implementation in 2008

Technology for tomorrow. It was necessary for NLS to update the current system. “The current analog cassette system is based on a technology that is disappearing. In the future, parts for play-

ers will be difficult or impossible to obtain, and the cost of cassette tape is likely to increase significantly. In addition, digital technology offers many features that will benefit talking-book users,” says Jean M. Moss, NLS digital projects coordinator.

“Flash memory is more durable, easier to handle, and simpler to use than other digital media. It will also mean more reliable players because no moving parts are required,” says Moss.

Flash technology will most appeal to patrons because of its ease of use. “Patrons will like the fact that the great majority of books will each be on a single flash cartridge, so there will be fewer objects to keep track of,” says Moodie. “An entire cartridge can be played from beginning to end without having to change any switches or turn the cartridge over. And the player will always keep track of where the reader left off.”

“Because flash memory cartridges can have new books quickly copied onto them and can be reused thousands of times, new distribution models are possible. For example, some books do not circulate very often but are still important to have in the program. Rather than having such books taking up shelf space in libraries across the country, copies can be quickly made when needed,” says Moodie.

“Flash was chosen because it fits so well with our many requirements for a talking-book medium,” says Moodie.

Tale of a talking book

1934 Talking books on 33¹/₃ rpm discs introduced

1958 Prototype books produced on 16²/₃ rpm discs

- 1965 AE-1 talking-book machine with three-speed motor
- 1968 First transistorized, light-weight talking-book machine
- 1969 Standard cassettes distributed
- 1971 Issued first 1-7/8 and 15/16 cassette machines
- 1973 All discs recorded at 8¹/₃ rpm
- 1973 Proprietary cassette machine prototype developed and modified for distribution
- 1983 Produced first C-1 cassette player, ¹⁵/₁₆ speed, four-track format
- 1986 Simplified cassette machine distributed
- 2004 Flash technology selected as medium for the future

Digital talking book (DTB) milestones

Completed:

- Defined and prioritized digital talking book (DTB) features.
- Coordinated development and publication of *Specifications for the Digital Talking Book* (ANSI/NISO Z39.86).
- Simulated a DTB player using a personal computer.
- Developed a computer-based life-cycle cost analysis (LCC) model for the NLS system and for candidate digital systems.
- Developed computer software for DTB production and presentation.
- Developed software to test conformance of players and DTBs with the ANSI/NISO standard.
- User survey
- Player transition study
- Distribution medium study

Start 1/12/04—Finish 10/1/08

The following ongoing projects, set to conclude in 2008, are shown with start dates in parentheses.

- Web-Magazine pilot (1/12/04)
- Digital data management system development (11/1/04)
- Player and medium design (11/1/04)
- Distribution system design and transition planning (12/1/04)
- Design DTB containers and labels (6/1/05)
- Web-Book pilot (6/1/05)
- Prepare for DTB distribution (10/1/05)
- Circulation systems design (12/1/05)
- Manufacture initial lot of DTB containers and labels (9/1/06)
- Distribution system implementation (10/1/06)
- Circulation systems implementation (10/1/06)
- Media production (3/1/07)
- Media duplication (5/1/07)
- Full player production (9/1/07)

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Collection Development Advisory Group seeks advice

The members of the Collection Development Advisory Group wish to thank fellow patrons and librarians for their input concerning the NLS program. Ideas and suggestions from readers are key ingredients in the success of our

program and are thoroughly discussed in the committee's deliberations.

Please continue to assist us by contacting committee members or your co-operating braille or talking-book library with suggestions.

The group will meet again May 25–27, 2005, at NLS.

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Magazine of the Month selections for 2005

Two NLS programs offer readers samplings of magazines not otherwise available through network libraries. Subscribers to Magazine of the Month and Young Adult Magazine of the Month receive a different magazine on audio cassette each month. For a free subscription to either program, contact your cooperating talking-book library. Although the selections are subject to change, subscribers will receive some of the following magazines during 2005.

Magazine of the Month

- **American Legacy** (African American history and culture; stories, facts, and legends about people and events)
- **The BARK: The Modern Dog Culture Magazine** (modern dog culture; book and film reviews, poetry, short fiction, news items, and information about dog behavior, health, care, and travel)
- **Better Homes and Gardens** (gardening, interior design, building, family matters, food and health, with technical information)
- **Car and Driver** (reviews and tests of domestic and foreign automobiles and other features)
- **Counter Terrorism** (international counterterrorism and homeland security; articles on the latest technology and techniques available to battle insurgency; book reviews and news stories)
- **Lifetime: Real Life, Real Women** (articles of interest to modern women on fashion, decorating, food and

diet, human relations, careers, and family)

- **Poets and Writers** (journal by and about writers; interviews, publishing industry news, genre writing, and historical issues)
- **Reunions Magazine** (all sorts of reunions: family, school, military, and social; includes contributions from readers who share their experiences)
- **Science** (news of the week from all areas of science; research articles and book reviews)
- **Threads: For People Who Love to Sew** (all aspects of sewing with projects to teach techniques, style, and design concepts)
- **People en Español** (Spanish-language equivalent of People magazine in English)
- **Wired** (the Internet and other areas of science and technology)

Alternates: **Black Enterprise, Budget Living, Dog Fancy, Knitter's, More, Motor Trend, Novel Writing, Plenty, Scientific American, Where to Retire, World War II**

Young Adult Magazine of the Month

- **Black Beat Magazine** (latest in urban musical news for African American teenagers)
- **Classic Fighting Arts** (history, personalities, and evolution of martial arts)
- **Dig** (news about archaeological discovery geared to children and younger teens; includes hands-on projects)
- **Discovery Girls** (created by girls; ar-

ticles on relationships, entertainment, and fashion)

- **E Magazine: The Environmental Magazine** (information, news, and commentary on the environment; includes health, food, and products to buy)
- **Elle Girl** (fashion, health, beauty, and lifestyle for teens)
- **Justine: The New Teen in Town** (fashion, clothes, beauty, health, and celebrities for teens)
- **Scratch: The Science of Hip-Hop Magazine** (the latest in hip-hop; personalities, reviews, and news)
- **SG: The Girls' Source for Surf/Snow/Skate Lifestyle** (sports for women; places to go, equipment, fashions, personalities)
- **Soccer America** (the U.S. soccer scene; players, college action, tournaments, and international news)
- **Starlog: Science Fiction Films, TV, Video** (science fiction, fantasy, and horror in popular media; news, interviews, and articles)
- **Vanidades** (magazine in Spanish about famous people, fashion, and popular culture)

Alternates: **Archaeology, Blackgirl, Elle, Environment, Grappling, Icarus, Mademoiselle, Sassy, Snowboard Life, Soccer Jr., Source**

Newsstand

The following announcements may be of interest to readers. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reserved the right to publish announcements selectively, as space permits. Items mentioned, however, are not part of the NLS program,

and their listing does not imply endorsement.

2004 calendars. Listed below are some organizations that produce calendars in braille or print/braille.

American Printing House for the Blind
P.O. Box 6085
Louisville, KY 40206-0085
(502) 895-2405
800-223-1839
info@aph.org

www.aph.org/products/index.html

Accepts orders by mail or telephone.

■ 8½ x 11-inch **large-print/braille** (36 point) APH InSights Art Calendar. Includes holidays and moon phases. Features selected art from the APH juried competition. English edition, catalog #5-18971-05, \$7.50.

Braille Institute Press
741 North Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029
(323) 906-3104
800-272-4553

press@brailleinstitute.org

www.universalmediaservices.org/

PublicationsforSale/Calendar.htm

Accepts orders by telephone or online.

■ 8¾ x 11-inch **large-print/braille** (18 point) wall monthly calendar. Includes a large-print/braille edition of the Rose Bowl parade schedule. \$5.

Elizabeth Pierce Olmsted Center for the Visually Impaired
1170 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14209-0398
(716) 882-1025, ext. 240
(716) 882-5577 fax
Accepts orders by mail or telephone.

■ 5½ x 8½-inch **braille** desk calendar with two days per page and dividers for each month. \$35 for base and refills, \$29.50 for refills only.

Lutheran Blind Mission

Library for the Blind

Attn: Lynne Borchelt

7550 Watson Road

St. Louis, MO 63119-4409

888-215-2455

blindmission@blindmission.org

www.blindmission.org

Accepts requests by mail or telephone.

■ 8½ x 11-inch **braille** calendar entitled I Am, based on the Gospel of John. Features a monthly verse from the Bible. Also available as an 8-1/2 x 14-inch large-print (21 point) edition. Free.

Michigan Braille Transcribing Fund

3500 North Elm Road

Jackson, MI 49201

(517) 780-5097

(734) 668-1094 fax

Accepts request by fax or telephone.

■ 6¼ x 3¾-inch **large-print/braille** purse size, spiral bound calendar. Includes a separate listing of major holidays. Free.

National Braille Press

88 St. Stephen Street

Boston, MA 02115-4302

(617) 266-6160, ext 20

800-548-7323

orders@nbp.org

www.nbp.org/ic/nbp/BCCL05.html

Accepts prepaid orders by mail, telephone, or online.

■ 8½ x 11-inch **print/braille** calendar with Winnie the Pooh motif. \$10.99.

National Federation of the Blind
Materials Center

1800 Johnson Street

Baltimore, MD 21230

(410) 659-9314, ext. 2216

(410) 685-5653 fax

materials@nfb.org

Accepts requests by e-mail, fax, mail, or telephone.

■ 6 x 6¹/₂-inch **braille** calendar. Features one page per month, a personal day page, and a listing of major holidays. Free.

Society for the Blind, Inc.

Products for Independence Store

2750 24th Street

Sacramento, CA 95818

(916) 452-8271, ext. 302

(916) 452-2622 fax

www.societyfortheblind.org

Accepts orders by mail or telephone.

■ 5¹/₂ x 8¹/₂-inch **braille** desk calendar with two days per page. At the top of each page are the day of the week, date, and month. Base and refill, catalog #20-06-01, \$47.95. Refill only, catalog #20-06-02, \$39.95.

Books for Adults

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

Note: For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word “some” before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in “some strong language.”

Nonfiction

The Life of Samuel Johnson BR 14450

by James Boswell

15 volumes (Reissue)

Classic biography of the eighteenth-century English man of letters, originally published in 1791. Based on detailed notes compiled by Boswell during their twenty-year friendship, the text for the most part comprises conversations and statements of Johnson's strong opinions. 1791.

Everyday Math for Dummies BR 14500

by Charles Seiter

3 volumes

Explains basic math skills needed for everyday living. Covers personal money and the management of checkbooks, credit cards, mortgages, taxes, and investments; reviews business math, including sales, percentages, and insurance; and provides a refresher in high-school algebra, geometry, and trigonometry. Also looks at sports and gambling, statistics, tipping, and recreational mathematics. 1995.

The Harvard Medical School Guide to Men's Health BR 14813

by Harvey B. Simon

6 volumes

Physician analyzes data from three long-term Harvard clinical studies to synthesize the basics of good health care for men. Discusses common disorders and describes how simple modifications in diet, light to moderate alcohol consumption, controlling stress, exercise, vitamin intake, and communication with one's doctor can lead to improved health. 2002.

Jerry Baker's Fast, Easy Vegetable Garden BR 14841

by Jerry Baker

3 volumes

Master gardener's step-by-step guide to planting, growing, and harvesting produce. Addresses seasonal schedules, soil and insects, common problems, and frequently asked questions. Includes chapters on herbs, tomatoes, and organic gardening along with helpful information specific to each state. 1985.

The Rise of the New Woman: The Women's Movement in America, 1875-1930 BR 14851

by Jean V. Matthews

2 volumes

A social and political history of the suffrage movement in the critical years leading up to and after ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920 that gave women the right to vote. Discusses the role of feminist pioneers in changing public attitudes and the ideas and values engendered by their debates. 2003.

**Joint Inquiry into Intelligence
Community Activities before and after
the Terrorist Attacks of September 11,
2001: Report of the U.S. Senate Select
Committee on Intelligence and U.S.
House Permanent Select Committee on
Intelligence Together with Additional
Views BR 14865**

by U.S. Congress

7 volumes

Official U.S. government report on efforts of American intelligence agencies charged with protecting national security. 2002.

**John Paul Jones: Sailor, Hero, Father of
the American Navy BR 14872**

by Evan Thomas

5 volumes

Biography of the “great sea warrior,” born in Scotland in 1747, who went to sea at age thirteen. Describes his career in the fledgling American Continental Navy, his later exploits in Europe and Russia, and his burial in an obscure Paris grave in 1792. 2003.

**Why Is the Foul Pole Fair? or, Answers to
the Baseball Questions Your Dad Hoped
You’d Never Ask BR 14915**

by Vince Staten

2 volumes

Author explores the trivia of America’s favorite pastime using a Cincinnati Reds game as a backdrop. Before it’s over, Staten explains why a ballpark seat is eighteen inches wide, where umpires come from, and what happens if a fan gets hit by a foul ball. Includes anecdotes, history, and commentary. 2003.

**Unchained Memories: Readings from the
Slave Narratives BR 14919**

1 volume

Accounts of former slaves based on in-

terviews conducted in the late 1930s by the U.S. government’s Works Progress Administration for the Slave Narrative Collection of the Federal Writers’ Project. Companion to 2003 documentary film produced by HBO. Foreword by Henry Louis Gates Jr. Violence and strong language. 2002.

**Front Yard Gardens: Growing More than
Grass BR 14938**

by Liz Primeau

2 volumes

Straying from the longtime perception of lawns as a landscaping ideal, the author describes how to transform a front yard from a water-guzzling, chemically treated grass expanse to a garden. Includes tips on creating, maintaining, and planting. Also provides information on different garden styles, with more than seventy examples from across North America. 2003.

**The Water Garden Encyclopedia
BR 14939**

by Philip Swindells

2 volumes

Comprehensive guide to designing, constructing, and maintaining residential water gardens. Includes step-by-step instructions for the novice and experienced gardener on incorporating moving water, adding decorative touches, cultivating aquatic plants, introducing fish, and creating a balanced environment. 2003.

**Making Self-Employment Work for
People with Disabilities BR 14945**

by Cary Griffin and David Hammis

3 volumes

Experienced vocational counselors offer a practical handbook that provides individuals with disabilities information on how to start and maintain a small busi-

ness. Includes suggestions on preparing a business plan and market strategies, understanding and using government programs, and finding mentors and useful web sites. 2003.

Calculated Risks: How to Know When Numbers Deceive You BR 14968

by Gerd Gigerenzer

3 volumes

German researcher discusses how statistics are often misunderstood and misinterpreted in health and medical situations. Cites personal experiences to explain how correct assessment of numerical data makes a critical difference. Offers practical advice from a good-humored perspective. 2002.

According to the Rolling Stones

BR 14996

by Mick Jagger and others

3 volumes

Reminiscences by members of “the greatest rock n’ roll band in the world,” tracing their British roots and rise to international fame beginning in the 1960s. Also includes essays by business participants in the Stones’ career and fellow performers, including American singer Sheryl Crow. Some strong language. 2003.

Breast Cancer Q & A: Insightful Answers to the One Hundred Most Frequently Asked Questions BR 14998

by Charyn Pfeuffer

4 volumes

Health educator and journalist answers the most common questions concerning breast cancer. Also includes information about medical terminology, drug treatments, alternative medicine, nutrition, support groups, and other resources. 2003.

Her Dream of Dreams: The Rise and Triumph of Madam C.J. Walker

BR 15086

by Beverly Lowry

5 volumes

Biography of Madam C.J. Walker

(1867–1919), born Sarah Breedlove to former slaves, who rose from poverty to found a lucrative cosmetics business and become America’s first African American female millionaire. Chronicles Walker’s progression from the post-Reconstruction south to New York mansions, philanthropy, and struggles for racial equality and women’s rights. Some strong language. 2003.

Isaac Newton BR 15091

by James Gleick

3 volumes

The author of *Genius* (RC 36181) crafts a biography of scientific great Sir Isaac Newton (1642–1727), highlighting his accomplishments in physics, optics, and mathematics. Uses original quotations to describe Newton’s invention of calculus and other breakthroughs—including the laws of motion, which led to the shift from a mystical to a rationalist worldview in European science. 2003.

Pendulum: Léon Foucault and the Triumph of Science BR 15097

by Amir D. Aczel

2 volumes

Author of *The Riddle of the Compass* (BR 13785) examines the life of French physicist Jean Bernard Léon Foucault (1819–1868), whose pendulum experiments demonstrated the earth’s rotation. Centering around 1850s Paris, the chronicle describes the inventor’s unlikely partnership with Emperor Napoléon III, developed during a time

of conflict between science and faith. 2003.

**Gardening through Your Golden Years
BR 15099**

by Jim Wilson

2 volumes

Former cohost of PBS television show *The Victory Garden* and author of *Landscaping with Wildflowers* (BR 15266) shares wisdom gathered from “seasoned” gardeners on the benefits of continuing this hobby into old age. Includes tips to minimize fatigue and other ailments, describes laborsaving methods, and offers all kinds of advice. 2003.

Library: An Unquiet History BR 15100

by Matthew Battles

2 volumes

Survey by Harvard rare-book specialist of historical events leading to both destruction and proliferation of libraries. Battles laments the burning of Alexandria’s library in ancient times, then explores preservation of literary culture by monks through medieval ages. Later observations cover Dewey’s classification legacy, twentieth-century book bonfires by the Nazis and others, and digital-age challenges. 2003.

**More Joy: A Lovemaking Companion to
The Joy of Sex BR 15106**

by Alex Comfort

2 volumes

Emphasizes human relationships between sex partners and considers sexuality as a source of personal growth. Discusses body language, concerns of the elderly or those with special needs, and ways to overcome sexual hangups. Revises and updates original 1973 edition. Companion to *The Joy of Sex*

(BR 15107). Explicit descriptions of sex. 1986.

The New Joy of Sex BR 15107

by Alex Comfort

2 volumes

Updates the classic guide to sex, first published in 1972, stressing the refinements and enjoyment of lovemaking. Describes sexual techniques aimed at adding zest and variety to erotic relations between men and women. Discusses AIDS and other health issues. Companion to *More Joy of Sex* (RC 57167). Explicit descriptions of sex. 1991.

**Rachael Ray 30-Minute Meals 2
BR 15109**

by Rachael Ray

3 volumes

In this companion book to her Food Network television show, Ray offers recipes that are full of flavor yet use easy-to-find ingredients and are simple to make. Topics include making your own takeout, family-style suppers, double-duty meals, and healthy hunger busters. Includes menu suggestions. Bestseller 2003.

The Rural Life BR 15131

by Verlyn Klinkenborg

2 volumes

Collection of essays celebrating the simplicity of country life in successive months over the course of one year. The selections—which previously appeared in the *New York Times*, the *New Yorker*, and other publications—depict seasonal changes in settings ranging from Klinkenborg’s own upstate New York farm to rugged landscapes in the American West. 2003.

Ball of Fire: The Tumultuous Life and Comic Art of Lucille Ball BR 15132

by Stefan Kanfer

4 volumes

Details the life and times of comedienne and sit-com star Lucille Ball (1911–1989), beginning with her difficult childhood in upstate New York. Covers her unhappy marriage to Desi Arnaz and the evolution of her career until she became “the first woman with major economic power in postwar Hollywood.” Bestseller 2003.

The Louisiana Purchase BR 15137

by Thomas Fleming

2 volumes

A concise history of the pivotal \$15 million land deal between the United States and France in 1803 that doubled America’s size and stifled French colonial ambitions in the New World. Fleming depicts the strained relations between the two republics, the political climates surrounding President Thomas Jefferson and Napoleon, and the bargaining process. 2003.

Moy Sand and Gravel BR 15139

by Paul Muldoon

1 volume

Pulitzer Prize-winning collection from Irish-born postmodern poet. Nearly fifty pieces peppered with rhyme and historical allusion reflect his Irish upbringing and heritage as well as his later American life raising a family in suburban New Jersey. Pulitzer Prize. 2002.

A Time to Love: Stories from the Old Testament BR 15142

by Walter Dean Myers

1 volume

A retelling from the perspective of teenage characters of six Bible episodes exploring the complexities of love. Includes the stories of Delilah, Reuben, Naomi,

Isaac, Zillah, and Aser. For junior and senior high readers. 2003.

The Greatest Experiment Ever Performed on Women: Exploding the Estrogen Myth BR 15151

by Barbara Seaman

3 volumes

Cofounder of the National Women’s Health Network explains the controversy surrounding the use of hormone replacement drugs—primarily estrogen—for birth control, menopause, and postmenopause. Traces the history of their development, marketing, and use in the twentieth century. Suggests that women are at risk from doctors who view menopause as a disease. 2003.

Smoke and Ashes: The Story of the Holocaust BR 15152

by Barbara Rogasky

2 volumes

Explains how the Holocaust (1933–1945) occurred by examining the roots of anti-Semitism, Nazi plans for extermination of Jews, and the step-by-step execution of that scheme through ghettos, concentration camps, and death camps. Reviews criminal trials after WWII to seek justice. Revised and expanded from 1988 edition. Violence. For junior and senior high readers. 2002.

The Wrong Man: The Final Verdict on the Dr. Sam Sheppard Murder Case BR 15153

by James Neff

5 volumes

Investigative reporter assembles extensive evidence exonerating Cleveland physician Sam Sheppard of murdering his pregnant wife, Marilyn, on July 4, 1954. Describes botched police and forensic investigations, Sheppard’s re-

trials and eventual acquittal in 1966, and his son's anti-death-penalty activism. Identifies probable actual killer and reconstructs possible murder scenario. Some violence and some strong language. 2001.

The Essential Conversation: What Parents and Teachers Can Learn from Each Other BR 15155

by Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot
3 volumes

Harvard professor of education examines the dynamics of parent-teacher conferences from the standpoint of both parties, whose relationships are often adversarial and competitive rather than collaborative and empathetic. Suggests ways to make these meetings more productive, especially when broader cultural priorities and values are involved, and to improve home-school connections. 2003.

The Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth Am I Here For? BR 15156

by Rick Warren
3 volumes

Christian minister provides a guide to a forty-day spiritual journey to help readers discover the answer to one of life's most important questions: What on earth am I here for? Uses biblical references and describes the benefits of changing one's perspective. Bestseller 2002.

After Jihad: America and the Struggle for Islamic Democracy BR 15157

by Noah Feldman
3 volumes

Explores the question whether democracy can "be made to flourish in the lands where Islam prevails." Discusses the political terrain in Iran, Turkey, Asia, Pakistan, and Arab countries to

ascertain the compatibility of the Islamic religion with democratic values. Claiming there is no inherent conflict, Feldman suggests ways to refute anti-Americanism. 2003.

Dog Is My Co-Pilot: Great Writers on the World's Oldest Friendship BR 15158

by Editors of *The Bark*
3 volumes

Anthology of essays, short stories, and expert commentaries celebrating the unique bond between humans and their dogs. Over forty selections chosen by the editors of a California-based dog magazine pay tribute to the very first meeting between man and animal, pack dynamics, canine wisdom, and the poignancy of friendship and loss. 2003.

A Season of Fire: Four Months on the Firelines in the American West BR 15159

by Douglas Gantenbein
3 volumes

Reporter describes the forest fires of 2001 that left four firefighters dead in Washington state. Presents an overview of the training and deployment of firefighting crews and the methods of preventing and controlling wildfires.

Analyzes the disputes between environmentalists, loggers, and the government over tree-thinning policy. Some strong language. 2003.

Bob Hope: My Life in Jokes BR 15162

by Bob Hope
1 volume

The late comedian, who died in 2003 at one hundred years of age, tells his life through jokes—organized by decade—revealing his family, experiences, interests, and personal and political thoughts. Reminisces about his long career in show business on the radio, screen, and televi-

sion—and in the war theater entertaining American troops. Introduction by daughter Linda. 2003.

Everything You Need to Know about Going to the Gynecologist BR 15169

by Shifra N. Diamond

1 volume

Explains to teens and older readers why gynecological exams are important, when to seek them, and what to expect during one. Also discusses reproductive health, including diseases, contraception, and common problems. For senior high and older readers. 1999.

Naked in Baghdad BR 15170

by Anne Garrels

2 volumes

Veteran National Public Radio correspondent Anne Garrels, embedded with U.S. military forces in Baghdad, chronicles her observations before and during the 2003 war in Iraq. Includes e-mails that her husband, Vint Lawrence, sent while she was gone and describes hardships endured by her Iraqi driver, Amer. 2003.

One Hundred Words Every High School Graduate Should Know BR 15198

edited by American Heritage

Dictionaries

1 volume

The *American Heritage College Dictionary* web site list of vocabulary words evolved into a published book by popular demand. For senior high and older readers. Bestseller 2003.

Living with Shingles: New Hope for an Old Disease BR 15202

by Mary-Ellen Siegel and

Gray Williams

1 volume

Discusses the symptoms and progression of shingles, a medical problem

brought about by reactivation of the varicella-zoster virus that causes chicken pox in childhood. Outlines methods of treatment, complications, and possible prevention in the future through a promising new vaccine. 1998.

Hysterectomy: Exploring Your Options BR 15206

by Edward E. Wallach and

Esther Eisenberg

2 volumes

Gynecologists explain the female reproductive organs, problems that can occur, and options for treatment. Describes three types of hysterectomies (involving surgical removal of the uterus), benefits and risks of each operation, postoperative issues, and medical alternatives. 2003.

Mary Ellen's Guide to Good Enough Housekeeping BR 15208

by Mary Ellen Pinkham

2 volumes

Mary Ellen offers a three-step technique for keeping homes clean and comfortable without a lot of work: “de-junk”—put things away and get rid of unnecessary items; “defend”—keep things from getting worse by doing some chores daily or weekly; “decide”—when to do nonroutine jobs. 2002.

What Not to Wear BR 15218

by Trinny Woodall and

Susannah Constantine

1 volume

Stars of the British television show *What Not to Wear* offer advice on how to dress appropriately for your body shape and personality. They discuss problems such as large or small chests, big arms, short legs, flabby tummies, and short necks. Bestseller 2002.

Lullaby of Birdland BR 15308

by George Shearing

2 volumes

Reminiscences by congenitally blind jazz pianist Shearing about his 1920s English childhood and early success in London before he emigrated to America in 1947. Recounts hobnobbing in New York with jazz greats Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan, Charlie Parker, and Dizzy Gillespie among others and recording with his famed quintet. 2004.

Fiction

The King in the Tree: Three Novellas

BR 14853

by Steven Millhauser

2 volumes

Three novellas centering on illicit love. In the title piece, the king's counselor deplores the queen's affair but doesn't tell her husband. In *Revenge* a widow remembers her husband's infidelities and wants to punish his mistress. In *An Adventure of Don Juan*, the Spanish rake discovers unrequited love in England. Strong language. 2003.

The Big Sky BR 14920

by A.B. Guthrie

4 volumes

1830s. Seventeen-year-old Boone Caudill leaves Kentucky and heads west after trying to kill his strict father. Traveling the Missouri River to the Rockies, Boone joins other mountain men, takes a native wife, and becomes as harsh as the wilderness. Foreword by Wallace Stegner. Some violence and some strong language. 1947.

The Mill on the Floss BR 14969

by George Eliot

5 volumes

Classic Victorian novel about Maggie Tulliver, a young woman from a working-class family in a small English town, who is dominated by her coarse older brother. In her pursuit of beauty and love, Maggie finds herself rejected by her brother and condemned by the respectable townspeople. 1860.

Reflecting the Sky BR 14972

by S.J. Rozan

3 volumes

Private investigator Lydia Chin and her partner, Bill Smith, are hired by a Chinatown elder in New York City to travel to Hong Kong to deliver an old friend's ashes, a letter to the dead man's brother, and a keepsake to his grandson. When they arrive, they find the apartment ransacked and the youngster kidnapped. 2001.

A Dark Devotion BR 14975

by Clare Francis

4 volumes

London attorney Alex O'Neill returns to her home village to help childhood friend Will Dearden find his missing wife, Grace. As Alex joins the investigation she uncovers Grace's true nature, her late father's secrets, and the solution to her marriage problems. Some strong language. 1997.

Eat Cake BR 14979

by Jeanne Ray

2 volumes

Beleaguered housewife Ruth Hopson is suddenly saddled with an unemployed husband, estranged parents who both need temporary refuge, and a sullen teenage daughter. Her solution is to

bake. Includes recipes. Some strong language. 2003.

Bret Harte's Gold Rush: Outcasts of Poker Flat, The Luck of Roaring Camp, Tennessee's Partner, and Other Favorites
BR 14981

by Bret Harte

2 volumes

Fifteen stories set in California during the 1850s Gold Rush. Archetypal characters—gold-fevered pioneers, gamblers, preachers, drunkards, cattle-robbers, and iron-willed women—experience twists of fortune and the realities of frontier life. Reuben H. Margolin introduces the collection, which spans the career of this author, poet, and literary critic. 1997.

Pool Boy **BR 14985**

by Michael Simmons

1 volume

Spoiled California teen Brett must forego his wealthy lifestyle after his dad goes to prison for insider trading and his family has to survive on reduced income. Brett takes a job cleaning pools and learns to adjust to his new circumstances. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 2003.

Invisible Man **BR 14988**

by Ralph Ellison

4 volumes

Classic novel of a young black man's search for identity. Follows the unnamed protagonist from his youth in a Southern town through the depression years in Harlem, where he examines and rejects the values thrust on him by both whites and blacks. Some strong language. National Book Award 1953. 1947.

An Unthymely Death: And Other Garden Mysteries **BR 14995**

by Susan Wittig Albert

2 volumes

Collection of ten mysteries—including four never before published—featuring herb shop owner and sometimes-sleuth China Bayles as well as other familiar characters from Pecan Springs, Texas, portrayed in the author's earlier tales. Also includes story-linked tidbits and digressions on herbal lore, recipes, and creative ideas for the home. 2003.

Ragtime in Simla **BR 15080**

by Barbara Cleverly

3 volumes

Himalayas, 1922. British detective Joe Sandilands, from *The Last Kashmiri Rose* (BR 14693), is en route to Simla when his traveling companion is shot exactly where a murder occurred one year before. He investigates local residents, including several conniving English businesswomen, one of whom is the previous victim's sister. Some violence and some strong language. 2002.

A Faint Cold Fear **BR 15088**

by Karin Slaughter

3 volumes

Georgia coroner Sara Linton and her ex-husband, detective Jeffrey Tolliver, investigate a series of suicides—or murders—at the local college. And Sara's pregnant sister is attacked on the campus, where an untrustworthy former policewoman now works. Sequel to *Kisscut* (BR 14576). Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 2003.

June in Winter **BR 15092**

by Patricia Anne Phillips

2 volumes

At the hospital where African American real estate broker Tracey Woods learns

her husband, Donald, died in an auto accident, a stranger informs her that Donald was having an affair. Grief becomes anger as Tracey moves on with her life, helped by her family and another chance at love. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 2003.

¡Caliente! The Best Erotic Writing in Latin American Fiction BR 15098

edited by J.H. Blair

2 volumes

Anthology of literary depictions of sexual experiences by authors such as Gabriel García Márquez, Isabel Allende, Laura Esquivel, Carlos Fuentes, Ana Castillo, Oscar Hijuelos, Julia Alvarez, and Mario Vargas Llosa. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2002.

Tithe: A Modern Faerie Tale BR 15101

by Holly Black

2 volumes

Sixteen-year-old Kaye, the daughter of a wannabe rock singer now living at the Jersey shore, has been visited by faeries all her life. She discovers that she is a changeling with a special destiny that includes a handsome knight and a war. Strong language. For senior high readers. 2002.

Safe Harbour BR 15104

by Danielle Steel

3 volumes

After losing her husband and son, Ophélie Mackenzie and her eleven-year-old daughter, Pip, spend a summer at the beach where Pip befriends lonely artist Matt Bowles. Matt and Ophélie find solace together through heartache and betrayal until romance replaces their grief. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller 2003.

Secret Father BR 15126

by James Carroll

3 volumes

Germany, 1961. Three American teenagers—Michael, Rick, and Kit—venture into East Berlin, where they are detained by the secret police. Michael's father and Rick's German mother rush to rescue them. But Rick has information that will endanger everyone. Some explicit descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. 2003.

No Graves as Yet: A Novel of World

War I BR 15128

by Anne Perry

3 volumes

England; June, 1914. Reverend Joseph Reavley, a professor at Cambridge, and his brother Matthew, an intelligence officer, investigate their parents' suspicious deaths. Their father, a former politician, had alerted them that he possessed a secret document that is now missing. Meanwhile, a pacifist student at the university is murdered amidst rumors of war. 2003.

The Way of All Flesh BR 15129

by Samuel Butler

4 volumes (Reissue)

Late-Victorian novelist's satirical depiction, partly autobiographical, of the relations between Ernest Pontifex and his pious, self-righteous parents. Being the son of a middle-class English clergyman and a sanctimonious mother makes for an unhappy childhood, followed by dismal university years and an unsuitable marriage. Literature—and an aunt's bequest—become his salvation. 1903.

Say When BR 15130

by Elizabeth Berg

2 volumes

Frank Griffin's wife, Ellen, informs him one morning that she has fallen in love with another man—and wants a divorce. Numbed by the revelation but unwilling to leave his eight-year-old daughter, Griffin refuses to move out, creating an awkward living situation rectified only when he reevaluates life and love. Some strong language. 2003.

Property BR 15133

by Valerie Martin

2 volumes

1828. An unsentimental monolog in which a southern slaveholder laments her miserable existence on a sugarcane plantation. Manon Gaudet detests her husband and resents his affair with their servant, Sarah. Self-absorbed, Manon is caught off-guard by an impending slave rebellion. Some descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. 2003.

Prodigal Summer BR 15136

by Barbara Kingsolver

4 volumes

At Zebulon Mountain in southern Appalachia, reclusive ranger Deanna Wolfe allows young hunter Eddie Bondo into her cabin and private space. In the valley, two other women redefine their roles while championing ecological issues. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller 2000.

Liars and Saints BR 15143

by Maile Meloy

2 volumes

During World War II French-Canadian Catholic Yvette marries an American

fighter pilot and settles in California.

Years later when one of her teenage daughters becomes pregnant Yvette passes the baby off as her own son.

Ultimately the family's falsehoods create problems for the next five decades. 2003.

Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ

BR 15150

by Lew. Wallace

5 volumes

Accused of attempting to assassinate the new governor of Jerusalem, Judah Ben-Hur is sentenced to life as a galley slave. Intermingled with the account of his escape and revenge against the friend who betrayed him is the story of Jesus, who changes Ben-Hur's world forever. Includes an introduction by Tim LaHaye. 1880.

Blessed Are the Cheesemakers

BR 15154

by Sarah-Kate Lynch

3 volumes

Abbey returns to her grandfather's cheese-making farm in Ireland after twenty-four years of separation. Also arriving is just-fired New York stockbroker Kit Stephens, who goes there to dry out and get his life together. The two fall in love at the eccentric homestead. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2002.

Where Are the Children? BR 15161

by Mary Higgins Clark

2 volumes

Nancy Eldredge moves across America to Cape Cod to escape a terrible secret in her past. Remarried, she begins to live happily again until her two children disappear, linking her past and present once more. 1975.

The Deep: And Other Stories BR 15163

by Mary Swan

2 volumes

Canadian writer's evocative collection of fourteen short stories of time and emotion, love and loss. Includes O. Henry Prize-winning "The Deep," about twin sisters who volunteer to tend soldiers in France at the close of World War I, and other stories, many of them rooted in history. 2003.

On Treacherous Ground: Secret Stories of the West BR 15165

by Earl Murray

2 volumes

Ten short stories spanning two centuries of the American West. In "Untold Honor," soldiers escorting pioneer wagons prepare for a showdown with the Sioux Indians. Also includes "On Treacherous Ground"—a modern tale of lawlessness set in the 1990s. 2002.

The Farther You Run BR 15203

by Davida Wills Hurwin

2 volumes

Eighteen-year-old Samantha has a hard time adjusting to life without her friend, Juliana, who died of cancer in *A Time for Dancing* (BR 10714). But Samantha meets Mona in summer school. They graduate, get jobs, boyfriends, and an apartment, and Samantha learns to cope. Strong language. For senior high readers. 2003.

The Beast BR 15204

by Walter Dean Myers

1 volume

When sixteen-year-old Spoon receives a scholarship to a New England prep school, he leaves Harlem and his girlfriend Gabi behind. Returning home at Christmastime, Spoon discovers that

Gabi is a drug addict and that he is no longer in step with street life. Some strong language. For senior high readers. 2003.

Snobbery with Violence BR 15209

by Marion Chesney

2 volumes

Captain Harry Cathcart, impoverished youngest son of a baron and fresh from the Boer War, becomes a private investigator for the wealthy. After a murder at a weekend house party Harry receives assistance from Lady Rose Summer, whom he has previously saved from seduction. Some strong language. 2003.

Goodbye, Mr. Chips BR 15211

by James Hilton

1 volume

Chronicles sixty years in the life of Mr. Chipping, an English schoolmaster who arrives at exclusive Brookfield in 1870 with much enthusiasm but little experience. At first unpopular, Mr. Chips eventually develops a more personal relationship with his students and becomes a legend by the time they must say goodbye. 1933.

Bad Business BR 15276

by Robert B. Parker

2 volumes

Boston private detective Spenser, last seen in *Back Story* (BR 14638), is hired by Marlene Rowley to track her philandering husband, Trenton, CFO of an energy firm. Trenton's subsequent murder at his office leads Spenser to investigate a wife-swapping ring and corporate corruption. Strong language. Bestseller 2004.

The Lady and the Unicorn BR 15278
by Tracy Chevalier
2 volumes
Paris, 1490. Handsome, seductive painter Nicolas des Innocents is commissioned to design tapestries by noble-

man Jean Le Viste. As the intricate design of the unicorn weaving develops, so does romance between Nicolas and Jean's daughter, Claude. Some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 2004.

Books for Children

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

Nonfiction

American Patriots: The Story of Blacks in the Military from the Revolution to Desert Storm BR 14854
by Gail Buckley and Tonya Bolden
2 volumes
Chronicles the achievements of African American servicemen and women despite frequent discrimination. Traces more than two centuries of duty in various wars and branches of the military including the "buffalo soldiers" of the Civil War. Adapted from the adult book *American Patriots* (RC 53330). For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2003.

Pizza Counting BR 15028
by Christina Dobson
1 volume
Decorated pizzas are used to introduce counting and fractions. Includes facts about pizza. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4. 2003.

My First Kwanzaa BR 15035
by Karen Katz
1 volume
A young girl describes how she and her family celebrate the African American holiday of Kwanzaa, explaining the sig-

nificance of each of its seven days. Includes pronunciations. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 2003.

Capital! Washington D.C. from A to Z BR 15036

by Laura Krauss Melmed
1 volume
Rhymes take the reader on an alphabetical tour of the nation's capital to visit the monuments and historic places people like to explore. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4. 2003.

Sacagawea BR 15040
by Lise Erdrich
1 volume
Relates the experiences of Sacagawea, a young Shoshone woman, who, with her French Canadian husband and baby boy, joined the Lewis and Clark expedition in 1805. She acted as guide, translator, and helper on the exciting but perilous journey through her home territory to the Pacific. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 3-6. 2003.

Anansi the Spider: A Tale from the Ashanti BR 15041

retold by Gerald McDermott
1 volume
Anansi, a spider in Ghana, is saved from big trouble by each of his six sons in different ways. Anansi can't decide which son to reward for his rescue with a ball of light, so it is carried into the

sky—and becomes the moon. Caldecott Honor Book. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1972.

Seabiscuit vs. War Admiral BR 15044

by Kat Shehata

1 volume

Describes the meeting of two champion racehorses for the race of the century in 1938. Seabiscuit, the West Coast underdog, and War Admiral, the favorite to win, ran head-to-head in an exciting contest. Includes a glossary of racing terms. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4. 2003.

How to Take the Grrrr Out of Anger

BR 15085

by Elizabeth Verdick and
Marjorie Lisovskis

1 volume

Discusses how to deal with angry feelings in acceptable ways. Contains practical advice on coping with stress, solving problems calmly, taming one's temper, and being alert to tension build-up. Includes tips on handling bullies and angry adults. For grades 4-7. 2003.

The One-Eyed Giant: Tales from the Odyssey, Book 1 BR 15127

by Mary Pope Osborne

1 volume

Long ago in ancient Greece, Odysseus lived happily with his wife, Penelope, until he was called by King Agamemnon to wage war against Troy. On the return voyage, Odysseus has many adventures, facing dangers from storms and monsters like Cyclops, the one-eyed giant. For grades 3-6. 2002.

Close to Shore: The Terrifying Shark Attacks of 1916 BR 15277

by Michael Capuzzo

1 volume

Documents the first known shark attacks on humans in the United States. Recounts how several bathers in New Jersey were devoured by a great white shark in July 1916, spreading terror to the shore's vacation retreats. Also describes efforts to find and kill the predator. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2003.

Fiction

Bone Dry BR 14855

by Kathleen Karr

1 volume

1840s. Orphan Matthew Morrissey and his doctor employer from *Skullduggery* (BR 14858) journey to the Sahara to find the skull of Alexander the Great. After slave traders capture them during a sand storm, Matthew has to find a way to escape. For grades 5-8. 2002.

Witch Hill BR 14917

by Marcus Sedgwick

1 volume

After his house burns down, twelve-year-old Jamie visits relatives in an English country village, Crownhill. The town, however, has a dark history of witchcraft, which Jamie's presence reignites, causing him terrible nightmares. For grades 5-8. 2001.

The Slippery Slope: A Series of Unfortunate Events, Book 10 BR 14932

by Lemony Snicket

2 volumes

Following *The Carnivorous Carnival* (BR 14558) Klaus and Violet Baudelaire search for their sister, Sunny, in

the perilous Mortmain Mountains, where she has been kidnapped by Count Olaf. For grades 4-7. 2003.

Haunted Castle on Hallows Eve: Magic Tree House, Book 30 BR 14933

by Mary Pope Osborne
1 volume

After climbing into their magic tree house, Jack and Annie are invited by master magician Merlin to King Arthur's realm where invisible beings, giant ravens, and haunted spells have put a duke's castle in an uproar on Halloween night. For grades 2-4. 2003.

Diary of a Worm BR 15031

by Doreen Cronin
1 volume

A worm writes about the good and bad things in his life, including scaring little girls and not having to take a bath. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2003.

How I Became a Pirate BR 15034

by Melinda Long
1 volume

Jeremy Jacob is building a sand castle at the beach when a pirate ship arrives and he's invited to join the crew. At sea Jeremy enjoys their adventurous life but gets home in time for soccer practice. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 2003.

Just Jane: A Daughter of England Caught in the Struggle of the American Revolution BR 15096

by William Lavender
2 volumes

Fourteen-year-old orphan Lady Jane Prentice arrives in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1776 from England to live with her uncle's family. Over the next six years the colonies rebel against the crown, and Jane finds her loyalties di-

vided between countries—and between suitors. For grades 6-9. 2002.

The Case of the Puzzling Possum: The High-Rise Private Eyes, Book 3 BR 15134

by Cynthia Rylant
1 volume

Mr. Riley, a possum who owns a music store, calls animal detectives Bunny and Jack about a trombone that keeps disappearing and reappearing in the shop's window. Bunny uses her brains and Jack spies clues to solve the case. Beginning chapter book. For grades K-3. 2001.

Skeleton Key BR 15135

by Anthony Horowitz
2 volumes

Reluctant teenage spy Alex Rider foils a Chinese plot to upset the Wimbledon tennis championships. He is loaned to the CIA and sent to a Cuban island. There he must find out what a former psychopathic Russian general is planning to do with a nuclear bomb. For grades 6-9. 2002.

Vampire High BR 15138

by Douglas Rees
2 volumes

Ninth-grader Cody Elliot is angry about moving from California to Massachusetts and flunks every course until his father transfers him to Vlad Dracul Magnet School. Cody discovers that all but five kids are vampires, saves one from bullies, and falls in love with a princess. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2003.

The Strange Case of Baby H BR 15144

by Kathryn Reiss
1 volume

After the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, twelve-year-old Clara finds a

baby on the doorstep of her family's boarding house. Clara sets about unraveling the mystery of the little girl's arrival—especially since she is disguised as a boy and is believed to have been kidnapped. For grades 4-7. 2002.

Jackie's Wild Seattle BR 15145

by Will Hobbs

2 volumes

Fourteen-year-old Shannon and her little brother, Cody, who is still coping with witnessing the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack on New York City, spend the summer helping their uncle Neal at a wildlife rescue center in Washington state. For grades 5-8. 2003.

The Boy Who Saved Baseball BR 15146

by John H. Ritter

2 volumes

The fate of a small California town rests on one baseball game. The local team must win to prevent land from being sold to developers. Twelve-year-old Tom Gallagher hopes to achieve victory using the hitting secrets of a disgraced professional baseball player and a mysterious stranger. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2003.

Wandering Warrior BR 15164

by Da Chen

2 volumes

Young Luka, destined to become the future emperor of China, is trained in the ways of the kung fu wandering warriors by his guardian—the wise monk Atami. But when Atami is captured by their enemies, Luka has to fight for his own survival. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2003.

The Case of the Climbing Cat: The High-Rise Private Eyes, Book 2 BR 15174

by Cynthia Rylant

1 volume

Animal detectives Bunny and Jack try to find the cat who stole their neighbor's binoculars from her twentieth-floor balcony. Beginning chapter book. For grades K-3. 2000.

Inspector Hopper's Mystery Year

BR 15176

by Doug Cushman

1 volume

The grasshopper detective Inspector Hopper and his partner McBugg solve four different mysteries—one in each season of the year. Beginning chapter book. For grades K-3. 2003.

Little Bear BR 15177

by Else Holmelund Minarik

1 volume (Reissue)

Four episodes about Little Bear in which he cooks himself some birthday soup and takes an imaginary trip to the moon, while his mother keeps him warm and reads him to sleep. Beginning chapter book. For grades K-3. 1957.

Lewis and Clark: A Prairie Dog for the President BR 15201

by Shirley Raye Redmond

1 volume

In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson sends explorers Lewis and Clark across the country to map the land and bring back plants and animals. The men capture a prairie dog and send it to Washington for everyone to see. Beginning Reader. For grades 2-4. 2003.

Winnie-the-Pooh and Some Bees

BR 15213

retold by Stephen Krensky

1 volume

Winnie-the-Pooh, a bear who loves eat-

ing honey, follows some bees to their home high in a tree. His plan to use a balloon to reach the honey almost succeeds, but not quite. Beginning chapter book adapted from A.A. Milne's original text. For grades 2-4. 2001.

Inspector Hopper BR 15279

by Doug Cushman

1 volume

Inspector Hopper (a grasshopper) and his assistant detective McBugg, who is always hungry, solve three mysteries for their insect friends. Beginning chapter book. For grades K-3. 2000.

Foreign Language Books

The following title is available in the language designated.

Spanish

Harry Potter y el Cáliz de Fuego (Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire)

BR 14713

por J.K. Rowling

7 volúmenes

A sus catorce años, el joven mago Harry Potter espera ansiosamente despedirse de los Dursley, encontrarse con sus amigos Hermione y Ron, y asistir

con ellos a los Mundiales de Quidditch antes de iniciar el cuarto curso en Hogwarts. Pero sus enemigos no se olvidaron de él. Sigue a *Harry Potter y el Prisionero de Azkaban* (BR 14712). Para grado 4 a 7 y lectores mayores. (Now fourteen, the student wizard is eager to leave the Dursleys and join his friends Hermione and Ron for the Quidditch World Cup before beginning his fourth year at Hogwarts. Sequel to *Harry Potter y el Prisionero de Azkaban* (BR 14712). For grades 4-7 and older readers.) 2001.

Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

Boys' Life (for children and teens, monthly)

Braille Book Review (bimonthly)

Braille Chess Magazine (British quarterly)

Braille Music Magazine (British monthly)

Conundrum (British monthly)

Cooking Light (10 issues)

ESPN: The Magazine (biweekly)

Harper's (literary; monthly)

Health Newsletters (includes Harvard Health Letter, Mayo Clinic Health Letter, and University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter; monthly)

Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine (monthly)

Ladies' Home Journal (monthly)
Martha Stewart Living (home and entertaining; 10 issues)
Muse (for children; 10 issues)
The Musical Mainstream (quarterly)
National Geographic (monthly)
The New York Times Large Type Weekly (weekly)
News (NLS quarterly)
Parenting (monthly except January and July)
PC World (personal computing; monthly)
Playboy (monthly)
Poetry (11 issues)
Popular Communications (monthly)
Popular Mechanics (monthly)
Popular Music Lead Sheets (irregular)
Rolling Stone (popular culture; 24 issues)

Science News (weekly)
Seventeen (for teens, monthly)
Short Stories (British monthly)
Spider: The Magazine for Children (monthly)
Stone Soup (children's writings; 5 issues)
Update (NLS quarterly)
The Washington Post Book World (weekly)
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In Brief

The following material is reprinted from NLS *Flash*, January 2005, volume 1, issue 3, a newsletter developed to bring current information on NLS progress in digital technology to patrons, library staff, and other interested individuals.

The download of web books and magazines

Wouldn't it be nice to sample a digital talking book (DTB) on your computer before checking it out to read? And nicer still to download the entire book for use right away? National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), The Library of Congress thinks so. For this reason, NLS is exploring ways to make resources downloadable and available to patrons.

"We plan to build an NLS online library of digital talking books," says Frank Kurt Cylke, NLS director. "Offering downloadable audio books that reflect our collection will enable us to serve our patrons in a new way."

NLS first began providing downloadable content six years ago, making braille books and magazines available in electronic form through Web-Braille. "Braille files are smaller than audio files and hosting them was a feasible option for our current system," says Judy Dixon, NLS consumer relations officer.

Patrons can sign up for free access to the Web-Braille files. They can search the NLS online catalog or scan the current issue of *Braille Book Review* for links to the latest titles. Web-Braille files may be read online or downloaded for embossing

or reading with a refreshable braille display.

"We were able to use an existing archive of digital braille titles to create the original online braille library for NLS patrons," says Dixon. "Since then, it's been a real team effort. We've added music scores and six of our network libraries have contributed hundreds of titles to the cause."

It's been a great success. Nearly 4,000 patrons use Web-Braille to access 7,200 book titles and more than 600 musical scores that range from popular songs to the classical masters. *Harpers*, *Rolling Stone*, *Martha Stewart Living* and 26 other magazines are available for download, as are this year's major league baseball schedules and four other sports schedules.

Introducing the pilot programs

One year ago, NLS launched a web magazine pilot with three audio magazines: *U.S. News and World Report*, *Smart Computing*, and selected issues of *People*. Nearly 50 technically adept patrons are testing the system.

Patrons may select magazines by title and issue date. Then they may download the entire magazine or just select articles. The audio magazine files are compressed to accelerate the download process. Readers can then navigate the magazine by article, section, and in some cases, by subsection. The magazines can be read right on the computer or transferred to a commercially available player that is capable of playing digital talking books.

Here's an example of how the magazines are prepared for the NLS web site.

Every Monday, an NLS producer acquires a copy of *U.S. News and World Report*. It is narrated and produced in DTB format on Tuesday and posted on the site by Wednesday.

In December 2004, NLS joined the Unabridged project for a one-year pilot to test the usability of downloadable books. At its launch, Unabridged provided a collection of 250 narrated audio books. However, plans are to have 400 by the end of 2005. Blind and sighted members of NLS staff are evaluating the use and process of downloadable digital audio books, to better understand the needs and wants of patrons, as well as to explore the possibilities related to content protection and distribution. Participation in the NLS portion of the Unabridged project is, at this time, available exclusively to NLS staff.

NLS staff, as well as patrons in the states participating in the pilot project, can download audio books to PCs using a Windows Media Audio-based content and delivery system from OverDrive, Inc., a digital content solutions provider for publishers and retailers.

Participating network libraries include the Mid-Illinois Talking Book Center, Colorado Talking Book Library, Delaware Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Talking Book Program of the New Hampshire State Library, and the Oregon State Library, Talking Book and Braille Services.

NLS is also pursuing a venture with the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) to test their NetLibrary product as a means of accessing downloadable audio

books. As with the Unabridged project, use will be limited to NLS staff.

“The NetLibrary pilot is another example of how NLS is testing web delivery options for capacity and usability,” says Neil Bernstein, an NLS information technology specialist. NetLibrary currently houses 405 audio book titles—including 78 language sets.

Up next

In discussion with vendors now, NLS is searching for a partner with a proven track record of delivering audio books over the Internet. “The final offering will build on the knowledge gained from Web-Braille, web magazines, and the other internal pilot projects,” says Michael Moodie, NLS deputy director.

NLS is building downloadable offerings through the analog-to-digital conversion project, which involves converting existing audio cassette books to digital format, as well as producing new titles.

When ready, the NLS download system will provide a large and diverse collection of titles that will allow a cross-section of users access to downloadable digital books. NLS plans include a digital collection of 20,000 book titles and a wide selection of magazines by 2008.

“NLS recognizes the importance of quality technical support and is committed to providing it,” says Jean M. Moss, NLS digital projects coordinator. “Now that the plan for downloadable audio books and magazines is in motion, we are pursuing an aggressive schedule to test and develop the best online products for our patrons.”

Please note: Participants for NLS pilot programs have already been identified. Public participation will be available after testing is completed.

Finding out what patrons want

NLS is seeking information from all aspects of these projects to guide its development process. What is to be determined?

Here are some examples:

- How do patrons use the system?
- How many books do individuals download?
- What kinds of books are checked out?
- What time of day is download occurring?
- Is a high-speed connection or a dial-up modem used?

NLS also wishes to understand the demographics of the participants.

- Are they younger or older?

And, how will patrons read the books once downloaded?

- On a computer or on portable playback devices?
- Where are books read?
- What kind of computer equipment is used?

In addition, NLS will obtain information on the accessibility and usability of the different download systems.

Digital talking book (DTB) milestones

Completed

- Defined and prioritized digital talking-book (DTB) features.
- Coordinated development and publication of *Specifications for the Digital Talking Book* (ANSI/NISO Z39.86).
- Simulated a DTB player using personal computer.
- Developed a computer-based life-cycle cost (LCC) analysis model for the NLS system and for candidate digital systems.
- Developed computer software for DTB production and presentation.
- Developed software to test conformance of players and DTBs with the ANSI/NISO standard.
- User survey
- Player transition study
- Distribution medium study

Start 1/12/04—finish 10/1/08

The following ongoing projects, set to conclude by 2008, are shown with start dates in parentheses.

- Web-Magazine pilot (1/12/04)
- Digital data management system development (11/1/04)
- Player and medium design (11/1/04)
- Distribution system design and transition planning (12/1/04)
- Design DTB containers and labels (6/1/05)
- Web-Book pilot (6/1/05)
- Prepare for DTB distribution (10/1/05)
- Circulation systems design (12/1/05)
- Manufacture initial lot of DTB containers and labels (9/1/06)
- Distribution system implementation (10/1/06)

- Circulation systems implementation (10/1/06)
- Media production (3/1/07)
- Media duplication (5/1/07)
- Full player production (9/1/07)

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To view the strategic business plan on the
Web, visit

www.loc.gov/nls/businessplan2003.html

A reminder

Free subscriptions to *Reader's Digest* in braille, *Reader's Digest* on cassette, and *Newsweek* on cassette are available from the American Printing House for the Blind by calling 1-800-223-1839.

Books for Adults

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

Note: For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word “some” before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in “some strong language.”

Adult Nonfiction

Piano Notes: The World of the Pianist BR 14787

by Charles Rosen
2 volumes

Distinguished concert pianist and music critic sheds light on essential aspects of playing this demanding and rewarding instrument. Rosen discusses the aesthetics, acoustics, and techniques of performance and recording as well as performers' styles and manners. Includes little-known lore and insights about famous musicians. Also includes musical examples. 2002.

Young Person's Occupational Outlook Handbook BR 14794

by Susan Pines
3 volumes

Describes over 260 careers based on the U.S. Department of Labor's research. Explains the education needed, the duties and skills of the employee, subjects to study, earning potential, and future outlook for each given

profession. For junior and senior high readers. 2003.

The Yale Guide to Women's Reproductive Health: From Menarche to Menopause BR 14831

by Mary Jane Minkin and
Carol V. Wright
5 volumes

Discusses gynecological issues and reproductive system events, including menstruation, menopause, contraception, pregnancy, abortion, miscarriage, sexually transmitted diseases, cancer, and other conditions. Also reviews some lifestyle issues affecting general health. 2003.

All the Stops: The Glorious Pipe Organ and Its American Masters BR 14916

by Craig R. Whitney
3 volumes

A cultural history of the pipe organ, describing its central role in American musical life in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Explores the development of the electrified organ in the mid-twentieth century and discusses the contrasting views of builders, performers, and advocates of mechanical and electronic instruments. 2003.

Seabiscuit: An American Legend BR 14930

by Laura Hillenbrand
4 volumes

Recounts the rise of an “undersized, crooked-legged” thoroughbred horse who in 1938 was the year's number-one newsmaker over Franklin Roosevelt, Hitler, and Lou Gehrig. Hillenbrand tells Seabiscuit's story through the three men who made a true

long shot into a winner: owner Charles Howard, trainer Tom Smith, and jockey Red Pollard. Bestseller. 2001.

Real Stew: Three Hundred Recipes for Authentic Home-Cooked Cassoulet, Gumbo, Chili, Curry, Minestrone, Bouillabaisse, Stroganoff, Goulash, Chowder, and Much More BR 14944

by Clifford A. Wright
5 volumes

Collection of three hundred recipes for one-pot meals gathered from around the world. They include stews—dishes cooked gently for hours—made from beef, veal, lamb, pork, poultry, rabbit, fish, shellfish, and vegetables. Includes certain recipes' origins, such as octopus stew from the island of Djerba once thought to be the lotus-eater land Homer made famous. 2002.

Baghdad Diaries: A Woman's Chronicle of War and Exile BR 14983

by Nuha al-Radi
2 volumes

Western-educated Iraqi artist depicts her life in Baghdad during the 1991 Gulf War and her virtual exile in the years thereafter. Al-Radi records the everyday struggles of her relatives and friends to keep going in the face of bombing raids, the subsequent UN embargo, and other fallouts of the war. 1998.

That Man: An Insider's Portrait of Franklin D. Roosevelt BR 15114

by Robert H. Jackson
4 volumes

Nineteen-fifties memoir of President Franklin D. Roosevelt by Supreme Court justice Robert Houghwout Jackson (1892--1954). Under FDR

Jackson also held the positions of solicitor general, attorney general, U.S. chief prosecutor of the Nazi war criminals, as well as confidant and friend. Introduced and edited by John Q. Barrett. 2003.

Deaf-Blind Infants and Children: A Developmental Guide BR 15140

by J.M. McInnes and
J.A. Treffry
3 volumes

Guide for parents, teachers, and other professionals working with multisensory-deprived (MSD) children. Discusses the problems associated with MSD and offers ways to aid the development of social, emotional, cognitive-conceptual, perceptual, and mobility skills. 1993.

Mayo Clinic on Osteoporosis BR 15168

edited by Stephen Hodgson
2 volumes

Physician at the Mayo Clinic discusses how to keep bones healthy and strong to reduce the risk of fracture. Explains screening and diagnosis of osteoporosis, its prevention and treatment, as well as medication, exercise, diet, and home safety issues. 2003.

Radar, Hula Hoops, and Playful Pigs: Sixty-seven Digestible Commentaries on the Fascinating Chemistry of Everyday Life BR 15172

by Joe Schwarcz
3 volumes

A science professor good humoredly discusses the science and historic background of ordinary substances we readily encounter or ingest. In "It's Always Tea Time," Schwarcz comments

on the benefits of drinking tea, the origins of this custom; and a 1993 study linking tea consumption to decreasing cardiovascular disease. 1999.

Bringing Elizabeth Home: A Journey of Faith and Hope BR 15179

by Ed Smart and
Lois Smart

2 volumes

Mormon parents describe their ordeal when their fourteen-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, was kidnapped in June 2002 and their joy when she was found alive in March 2003. The Smarts recall the deep faith in God that sustained their family and to which they attribute Elizabeth's miraculous return.

Bestseller. 2003.

The Seashell on the Mountaintop: A Story of Science, Sainthood, and the Humble Genius Who Discovered a New History of the Earth BR 15199

by Alan Cutler

2 volumes

Biography of the seventeenth-century Danish scientist Nicolaus Steno, the world's first geologist, who challenged the conventional timetable stated in the Bible for creation of the earth. Discusses the intellectual ferment caused by his discovery that the earth's crust contains layers of rock strata and fossil remains that explain its ancient history. 2003.

"My Heart Became Attached": The Strange Journey of John Walker Lindh BR 15207

by Mark Kukis

2 volumes

Biography of the "American Taliban," the first U.S. citizen charged under the

Patriot Act. Traces Lindh's odyssey from affluent California childhood through Arabic studies in Yemen, terrorist training in Pakistan, and combat alongside the Taliban in the Afghanistan war to his eventual U.S. trial as an enemy combatant. Research included copious author interviews. 2003.

Bush v. Gore: Controversial

Presidential Election Case BR 15216

by Diana K. Sergis

1 volume

Discusses the landmark 2000 Supreme Court decision that resulted in Texas governor George W. Bush becoming the forty-third U.S. president. Describes the contested ballot recounts in Florida, battles in state and federal courts, and constitutional arguments presented to the nation's highest court by Bush and his challenger, Vice President Albert Gore. For senior high and older readers. 2003.

A Man Called Peter: The Story of Peter Marshall BR 15217

by Catherine Marshall

3 volumes

Widow writes the biography of her husband, a poor Scottish immigrant who became the senior minister at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in the nation's capital and chaplain of the U.S. Senate. Fiftieth anniversary edition includes additional selections of his prayers and sermons with a foreword by Marshall's son. 2001.

Facing the Lion: Growing Up Maasai on the African Savanna BR 15221

by Joseph Lemasolai Lekuton

1 volume

Virginia teacher recounts his childhood as a nomadic tribe member in northern Kenya. Describes running from lions, tending cattle, being circumcised at thirteen to become a "warrior," attending boarding school, searching for his wandering village during vacations, and leaving home to study in the United States. For junior and senior high readers. 2003.

My Prison without Bars BR 15222

by Pete Rose

3 volumes

Autobiography by former Cincinnati Reds baseball star banned from the sport in 1989 after gambling allegations. Rose describes his rise to fame as a record-breaking hitter and team manager, five-month prison stay for tax evasion, and bid in 2002 for reinstatement to baseball by admitting bets on his team. Strong language.

Bestseller. 2004.

Horatio's Drive: America's First Road Trip BR 15229

by Dayton Duncan

1 volume

Account of the first cross-country automobile trip in the United States. In 1903 Horatio Jackson, a thirty-one-year-old Vermont doctor, bet fifty dollars that he could drive from San Francisco to New York despite only 150 miles of paved roadway in the entire nation. Introduction by Ken Burns, maker of a companion PBS documentary. 2003.

Israelis and Palestinians: Why Do They Fight? Can They Stop? BR 15231

by Bernard Wasserstein

2 volumes

History professor offers reasons for the conflict in Israel other than ethnic and religious differences. Posits that neither Jews nor Arabs "are animated by crazed psychopathy" but rather fight over definable interests. Suggests that multifaceted analysis of demographic, socioeconomic, environmental, and territorial dimensions of the struggle may facilitate a peaceful resolution. 2003.

Running Around in Family Circles with Friends in Pursuit BR 15247

by Georgia Griffith

1 volume

Author, born blind, recalls her life from childhood in the 1930s through the 1990s. Griffith discusses growing up in a sighted family, attending a school for the blind, obtaining a degree in music education, becoming a braille music proofreader for the National Library Service, and organizing and managing computer discussion groups for CompuServe. 2003.

Tests of Time BR 15283

by William H. Gass

3 volumes

The award-winning writer of both fiction and nonfiction presents fourteen essays exploring literature, culture, and politics and their reciprocating influences. Discusses famous authors' encounters with censorship in various guises and explores the universal appeal of a good narrative. National Book Critics Circle Award. 2002.

John Brown's Body BR 15287

by Stephen Vincent Benét

4 volumes (Reissue)

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize in 1929, this long narrative poem in rhyme and blank verse is a rank-and-file history of the Civil War, or "the rich man's war and the poor man's fight." Portrays the lives of soldiers, leaders, and civilians on both sides of the conflict, North and South. 1928.

**Murdering McKinley: The Making of Theodore Roosevelt's America
BR 15344**

by Eric Rauchway

3 volumes

Study of William McKinley's assassination in 1901 and Theodore Roosevelt's ascent to the presidency. Focuses on assassin Leon Czolgosz's upbringing, motives, mental health, and trial to explain the country's reaction to the crime. Asserts that the new president's political astuteness shaped his response to the murder through social reform. 2003.

**Essential Camping for Teens
BR 15350**

by Kristine Hooks

1 volume

Beginners' guide to selecting and setting up a camp site, keeping warm and dry, preparing food, handling emergencies, and having fun. Discusses where to learn the necessary outdoor skills and what gear to purchase. Grade 1 braille. For junior and senior high readers. 2000.

Adult Fiction

I Am the Cheese BR 14796

by Robert Cormier

2 volumes

Chilling tale of fourteen-year-old Adam Farmer's desperate search for his father and for a mysterious past that he must not remember if he is to remain alive. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1977.

In Her Shoes BR 14928

by Jennifer Weiner

3 volumes

Estranged sisters Maggie, who is dyslexic, and Rose Feller, an attorney, were left motherless as children and haven't seen their maternal grandmother, Ella Hirsch, in twenty years. Widowed Ella searches for her granddaughters, and the three attempt to become a family again. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2002.

Beachcomber BR 14931

by Karen Robards

3 volumes

Christy Petrino quits her job when she discovers that the law firm she works for and her fiancé are involved with the mob. Now, with her life at stake, she must deliver a package to Ocracoke Island, North Carolina, where she faces more danger—a serial killer. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2003.

Blow Fly BR 14976

by Patricia Cornwell

3 volumes

Dr. Kay Scarpetta, forensics consultant, investigates the eight-year-old murder of a Louisiana socialite. Now a serial killer is operating there.

Death-row maniac Jean-Baptiste Chandonne from *The Last Precinct* (BR 12803) knows something about both situations and lures Kay to visit him. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2003.

The Great Fire BR 15103

by Shirley Hazzard

3 volumes

1947. Thirty-two-year-old British major Aldred Leith comes from China to Occupied Japan to report on Hiroshima conditions. Postwar loneliness haunts him and his friend Peter Exley, who saved his life in battle. Leith falls in love with teenaged Australian Helen Driscoll, who is also struggling to recover from personal trauma. National Book Award. 2003.

The Murder Room BR 15105

by P.D. James

3 volumes

When museum trustee Neville Dupayne votes to close the institution he is murdered in a gruesome way that mimics one of the exhibits. Commander Adam Dalgliesh, still in love with Emma Lavenham from *Death in Holy Orders* (BR 13402), investigates. But more deaths occur. Bestseller. 2003.

Lucca BR 15141

by Jens Christian Grondahl

3 volumes

Thirty-two-year-old actress Lucca Montale loses her sight in a near-fatal car accident. Over time she becomes close to her recently divorced doctor, Robert. The two fall in love while re-living tense family relationships and troubled romances from the past. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1998.

Warrior's Woman BR 15160

by Johanna Lindsey

3 volumes

Amazonian Tedra De Arr flies to the world of the Sha-Ka'ari warriors to enlist support in saving her planet from evil ruler Crad Ce Moerr. But Tedra meets Challen Ly-San-Ter and is shaken by her attraction to this magnificent barbarian. Prequel to *Keeper of the Heart* (BR 9471). Descriptions of sex and strong language. 1990.

So Wild a Heart BR 15166

by Candace Camp

3 volumes

Devin Aincourt, earl of Ravenscar, needs money to save his family estate and pay his gambling debts. Miranda Upshaw, a strong-willed American heiress, wants his estate and social status. The result is a marriage of convenience that turns deadly for Miranda. Prequel to *The Hidden Heart* (BR 14565). Some descriptions of sex. 2002.

Secrets of the Heart BR 15167

by Candace Camp

3 volumes

Seven years ago Rachel Aincourt tried to elope with another man on the eve of her marriage to Michael, the earl of Westhampton. Now, as she begins to love Michael, she discovers he leads a double life. Suddenly both existences are endangered. Sequel to *The Hidden Heart* (BR 14565). Some descriptions of sex. 2003.

This Vast Land: A Young Man's Journal of the Lewis and Clark Expedition BR 15180

by Stephen E. Ambrose

2 volumes

Fictionalized diary of eighteen-year-old George Shannon, the youngest member of the exploration crew. During the journey to the Pacific Northwest, Shannon records becoming lost for two weeks and falling in love with a Native American woman. Some descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. For senior high readers. 2003.

The Amateur Marriage BR 15181

by Anne Tyler

3 volumes

Baltimore residents Michael Anton and Pauline Barclay fall in love at first sight at the start of World War II and marry impulsively. Remaining completely incompatible despite increasing prosperity, they spend the next five decades making themselves, and their three children, miserable. Bestseller. 2004.

Holidays on Ice BR 15182

by David Sedaris

1 volume

Six short Christmas tales by humorist, playwright, and National Public Radio commentator. Sedaris relives his stint as a department store elf in "SantaLand Diaries." In "Seasons Greetings to Our Friends and Family!!!," a housewife facing homicide charges updates loved ones in her annual holiday newsletter. Bestseller. 1997.

The Last Male Virgin BR 15210

by Katherine Deauxville

2 volumes

Anthropologist Peter Havistock has written a book about being raised by the Antorok tribe in Papua New Guinea. Leslie Hall-Grumman, representing her family's sponsoring foundation, escorts Peter on his book tour. But Leslie is unprepared when Peter announces that he is a virgin on the hunt. Some descriptions of sex. 2002.

Lunch at the Piccadilly BR 15212

by Clyde Edgerton

2 volumes

Bachelor Carl Turnage visits his favorite aunt during her convalescence at a North Carolina nursing home. But Aunt Lil and some friends there crave adventure and find it when they steal a car. Meanwhile Carl joins a preacher's band at the home and attempts romance with a social worker. Some strong language. 2003.

The Cemetery Yew BR 15214

by Cynthia Riggs

2 volumes

Elderly Victoria Trumbull of Martha's Vineyard becomes involved in a case of empty graves and missing coffins as well as a mysterious boarder with secrets to hide. Events lead to murder and smuggling. Some violence and some strong language. 2003.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time BR 15215

by Mark Haddon

2 volumes

Fifteen-year-old Christopher, who exhibits behavioral problems associated with autism, investigates the murder of his neighbor's dog. His severely logical approach leads him down an unexpected path, bringing him face to face with the dissolution of his parent's marriage while providing insight into the workings of his mind. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2002.

Christmas, Present BR 15220

by Jacquelyn Mitchard

1 volume

Elliott Banner and his wife, Laura, are driving home after celebrating their fourteenth wedding anniversary on December 23 when Laura experiences a painful headache. At the hospital, they learn Laura suffered a brain aneurysm and has only hours to live. Their family gathers around her bedside for a last Christmas Eve together. 2003.

Cybele, with Bluebonnets BR 15224

by Charles L. Harness

2 volumes

Depression-era Texas. Joe Barnes falls in love with his high school chemistry

teacher, Cybele Wilson. After Joe graduates, they have a fantastic romance, cut short by her early death. But his enchantment with Cybele—and her spirit—linger throughout his life, which seems to be guided by miraculous and supernatural events. 2002.

The Secret Life of Bees BR 15225

by Sue Monk Kidd

3 volumes

South Carolina, 1964. Fourteen-year-old Lily rescues her African American housekeeper—and substitute mother—Rosaleen, from the hospital. Rosaleen had been beaten for trying to register to vote. They flee to a safe place where Lily's battered late mother had also fled—a beekeeping operation run by three black sisters. Some strong language. 2002.

Mahalia BR 15232

by Joanne Horniman

2 volumes

Australian teens Matt and Emmy drop out of school and have a baby girl, Mahalia. After five months Emmy is overwhelmed and leaves Matt, a musician, struggling as a single father. He and Mahalia forge a life together. Then Emmy returns. Some strong language. For senior high readers. 2001.

Shooting Monarchs BR 15249

by John Halliday

1 volume

Macy, a sociopathic killer abused as a child, forces sixteen-year-old Leah Hoffman into his car trunk but waits to murder her. Leah is saved by Danny Driscoll, a classmate with an untreated spinal condition who secretly loves

her. The rescue ends in tragedy for Danny. Some violence. For senior high readers. 2003.

3rd Degree BR 15251

by James Patterson and
Andrew Gross
2 volumes

The Women's Murder Club, last seen in *2nd Chance* (BR 14209), reconvenes to stop domestic terrorist attacks in San Francisco. Detective Lindsay Boxer, lawyer Jill Bernhardt, physician Claire Washburn, and reporter Cindy Thomas assist Joe Molinari of Homeland Security, who falls for Lindsay. Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2004.

Ransom BR 15262

by Danielle Steel
3 volumes

After recently widowed Fernanda Barnes's youngest child is abducted San Francisco detective Ted Lee arrives to run the police operation. The kidnappers, ex-cons Peter Morgan and Carl Waters, mistakenly believe that Fernanda was left wealthy—but she can't come up with the money they demand. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2004.

The Bishop Goes to the University: A Blackie Ryan Story BR 15281

by Andrew M. Greeley
2 volumes

Bishop Blackwood "Blackie" Ryan investigates the murder of a visiting Russian Orthodox monk in the monk's office at a southside Chicago university. Suspects include four other professors, but intelligence agents, foreign

gangsters, and even the Vatican may be involved. 2003.

Farewell, My Queen BR 15282

by Chantal Thomas
2 volumes

Exiled Agathe-Sidonie Laborde reminisces about her years at Versailles when she was a reader to Queen Marie-Antoinette. She recalls the elegance, isolation, and physical discomfort of the palace, remaining loyal to her mistress to the very end. 2002.

Reunion BR 15284

by Alan Lightman
2 volumes

Charles, a professor, attends his thirtieth college reunion where he encounters a vision of his twenty-two-year-old self. Overwhelmed by memories of his idyllic love for a ballerina, Charles relives a series of tragic events that would forever change his life. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2003.

Dreams of Rescue BR 15285

by Laura Shaine Cunningham
3 volumes

After being attacked by her husband, actress Juliana Smythe escapes to her isolated mountain home—built for an heiress's 1899 wedding—and prepares to sue him. While Juliana relives her marital horrors, she is terrorized by a stalker and survives only by unraveling the mystery of the Victorian bride's death. Some violence. 2003.

Breakout BR 15286

by Paul Fleischman

1 volume

Twenty-five-year-old Del writes a play describing her time as a runaway teenage foster child who finds herself in a massive traffic jam on a Los Angeles freeway. Some strong language. For senior high readers. 2003.

Brownsville BR 15288

by Oscar Casares

2 volumes

Nine short stories about poverty, resourcefulness, and the cultural chasm existing in the U.S.—Mexican border town of Brownsville, Texas. Characters confront an array of situations, contradictions, and solutions, from youth learning lessons about money and neighborhood disputes over barking dogs to finding meaning in a depressed world. 2003.

Revenge of the Middle-Aged Woman BR 15289

by Elizabeth Buchan

3 volumes

After twenty-five years of domestic bliss, Rose Lloyd loses both her husband and her job at a London newspaper to her young assistant. Devastated, Rose reexamines life, motherhood, and love as she fights to move on with her unexpected independence. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2002.

The Man in My Basement BR 15291

by Walter Mosley

2 volumes

Thirty-three-year-old Sag Harbor embezzler Charles Blakey is about to lose his late mother's ancestral home when

a white man makes him an offer he can't refuse: mysterious Anniston Bennet gives Charles a small fortune to rent the basement for a few weeks, with certain conditions. Some strong language. 2004.

Glorious Appearing: The End of Days BR 15335

by Tim LaHaye and

Jerry B. Jenkins

3 volumes

Seven years after the Rapture, millions of people, Global Community members, and the Tribulation Force are gathering in the Middle East. Nicolae Carpathia still believes his ultimate triumph is close at hand, until Jesus arrives in his Glorious Appearing. Sequel to *Armageddon* (BR 14702): Violence. Bestseller. 2004.

The Devil and Daniel Webster and Other Stories BR 15337

by Stephen Vincent Benét

1 volume

Three short tales by Pulitzer Prize-winning poet. In the title piece, a New Hampshire farmer sells the devil his soul for a prosperous decade but implores Daniel Webster to defend him when the devil comes to collect. Also includes "By the Waters of Babylon" and "Johnny Pye and the Fool-Killer." 1936.

Abandon: A Romance BR 15340

by Pico Iyer

3 volumes

In Damascus studying Sufi poets, California graduate student John Macmillan hears rumors that elusive manuscripts of the Islamic mystical sect exist. In search of the texts, he

becomes inextricably linked to a woman who could hold the key to his poetic illumination—and his heart. Some descriptions of sex. 2003.

A Christmas Journey BR 15343

by Anne Perry

1 volume

Lady Vespasia Cumming-Gould, a budding sleuth from the Charlotte and Thomas Pitt mysteries, attends a holiday party at which her friend Isobel cruelly insults a young widow who commits suicide later that night. Feeling guilty, Isobel goes with Vespasia to visit the victim's mother in Scotland

where they uncover a shocking secret. 2003.

R Is for Ricochet BR 15394

by Sue Grafton

3 volumes

Convicted embezzler Reba Lafferty's dying father hires P.I. Kinsey Millhone to keep Reba out of trouble upon her release from prison. But the wealthy thirty-two-year-old party girl resumes her previous lifestyle and involves Kinsey in burglary, revenge, and eventually murder. Strong language and some violence. Bestseller. 2004.

Books for Children

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Children's Nonfiction

The Man Who Walked between the Towers BR 15045

by Mordicai Gerstein

1 volume

Tells of Frenchman Philippe Petit's 1974 tightrope walk between the unfinished World Trade Center Towers in New York City. Discusses the sentence he received for this illegal act. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4 and older readers. Caldecott Medal. 2003.

Sleep and Dreams BR 15117

by Andrew T. McPhee

1 volume

Discusses the nature of sleep and dreams, the causes and treatments of sleep disorders, and the possible meaning of common dreams. The chapter "Toward a More Restful Sleep" offers advice on various techniques to overcome problems of falling asleep. For grades 6-9. 2001.

Pocket Pets BR 15175

by Alvin Silverstein and

Laura Silverstein Nunn

1 volume

Describes ten small pets and how to raise them. Includes common animals such as guinea pigs and rabbits and some unusual ones, among them the degu and the duprasi. For grades 4-7. 2000.

**One Hundred and One Questions
about Food and Digestion That Have
Been Eating at You—Until Now
BR 15178**

by Faith Hickman Brynie

2 volumes

Questions and answers explain the human digestive system and how it uses food for nutrition. Covers such topics as amino acids, anorexia nervosa, burping, cholesterol, diabetes, food poisoning, genetic modification, glucose, herbal supplements, obesity, pica (consuming nonfoods like clay), and vegetarians. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2002.

**Christmas around the World,
Volume 2 BR 15264**

by Emily Kelley

1 volume

This companion to *Christmas around the World* (BR 8233) describes holiday celebrations in eight countries—Mexico, Ethiopia, China, Germany, Lebanon, Sweden, Australia, and Russia—that mostly were not included in the earlier volume. Also contains jokes, tongue twisters, and a recipe. Beginning chapter book. For grades 2-4. 2004.

**America Votes: How Our President Is
Elected BR 15268**

by Linda Granfield

1 volume

Explains the U.S. presidential election process including its history, the role of political parties, becoming a candidate, campaign finance, voting fraud, the electoral college, and casting ballots. Emphasizes the right and the

responsibility of citizens to vote. For grades 4-7. 2003.

A Tree Is a Plant BR 15347

by Clyde Robert Bulla

1 volume

Follows an apple plant from seed to sprout to tree, explaining the functions of roots, trunk, branches, leaves, and blossoms that lead to fruit. Also describes the cycle of seasonal changes. Includes two simple science projects. For grades 2-4. 1960.

Children's Fiction

**The Water Gift and the Pig of the Pig
BR 15037**

by Jacqueline Briggs Martin

1 volume

An orphan girl discovers that she shares her grandfather's gift for finding lost things when their very clever pig disappears. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 2003.

On Noah's Ark BR 15038

by Jan Brett

1 volume

Noah's granddaughter helps him get the animals on the ark before the big rain, calms them down, and separates them so that they can sleep peacefully. After forty days and nights they arrive in a new land. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 2003.

Loamhedge BR 15102

by Brian Jacques

4 volumes

A group of adventurers from Redwall looking for the ancient abbey of Loamhedge seek a cure for haremaid Martha's paralysis. Meanwhile a band

of vermin led by a rat named Raga Bol lay seige to Redwall in order to steal a magic scimitar. For grades 5-8. 2003.

It Only Looks Easy BR 15122

by Pamela Curtis Swallow

1 volume

On the first day of seventh grade Kat takes someone else's bicycle to visit her dog at the animal hospital. When the bike is stolen Kat's reputation at school is ruined, especially when more bicycles disappear. She also learns responsibility and compassion during her struggles. For grades 4-7. 2003.

The Dream Bearer BR 15173

by Walter Dean Myers

1 volume

Twelve-year-old David seeks refuge in his Harlem neighborhood park from his mentally unstable father and unruly teenage brother. David and his best friend, Loren, meet elderly eccentric, Moses Littlejohn, who becomes their mentor with stories about his visions. For grades 5-8. 2003.

Attack of Apollyon: Left Behind—The Kids, Book 19 BR 15184

by Jerry B. Jenkins and
Tim LaHaye

1 volume

In this sequel to *Darkening Skies* (BR 14604), freezing temperatures are enveloping the world. As Judd and Lionel decide their next move, Vicki brings the kids together in the schoolhouse. Then a strange star falls to earth and suddenly there are locusts everywhere. For grades 5-8. 2002.

Secrets of New Babylon: Left

Behind—The Kids, Book 21 BR 15186

by Jerry B. Jenkins and
Tim LaHaye

1 volume

In this sequel to *A Dangerous Plan* (BR 15185) Vicki and her followers, discovered by members of the Global Community, fear being arrested. Judd, Lionel, and Sam have traveled to New Babylon, accompanied by Nada, to visit Judd's dangerously ill friend, Pavel. For grades 5-8. 2002.

Little Bear's Visit BR 15233

by Else Holmelund Minarik

1 volume

Four episodes about Little Bear, who while visiting his grandparents hears stories about his mother when she was a little girl. Beginning chapter book. For grades K-3. 1961.

Tigger Comes to the Forest BR 15248

by A.A. Milne

1 volume

Pooh tries to find out what his new friend Tigger likes to eat for breakfast. They go around to visit Piglet, next Eeyore, and then Christopher Robin. Finally at Kanga's home, Tigger finds something he likes. For grades 2-4. 2002.

Brundibar BR 15253

retold by Tony Kushner

1 volume

Aninku and Pepicek need milk for their sick mother. Brundibar sings for money in the village square but won't let the brother and sister earn a few coins, too. It takes the collective effort of many people to overcome the bully and help the children. Adapted from a

1938 concentration-camp opera. For grades 4-7. 2003.

The Canning Season BR 15263

by Polly Horvath
2 volumes

Thirteen-year-old Ratchet's summer visit in Maine with her eccentric great-aunts, Tilly and Penpen, is filled with their strange stories from the past and unusual, colorful characters stopping by. Ratchet feels so at home that she stays for many annual cannings of blueberry jam. For grades 6-9. National Book Award. 2003.

Olive's Ocean BR 15265

by Kevin Henkes
1 volume

After Olive's death, twelve-year-old Martha reads an excerpt from Olive's journal and mourns her barely known classmate. Later, at her grandmother's beach house, Martha experiences loss, love, betrayal, and a renewed connection to her family. For grades 5-8. 2003.

Sword of the Rightful King: A Novel of King Arthur BR 15280

by Jane Yolen
2 volumes

Merlinus, a magician, devises a way for King Arthur to prove himself the rightful king of England—by pulling a sword from a stone. But trouble arises when someone else removes the sword first. For grades 6-9. 2003.

The Warhorse BR 15336

by Don Bolognese
1 volume

Renaissance Italy. Fifteen-year-old Lorenzo, the son of the duke's armor maker, is forbidden by his father to

become a warrior. When their city-state is attacked, Lorenzo and his prized warhorse join in the fray and experience the horror of war. For grades 5-8. 2003.

The Journal of Scott Pendleton Collins: A World War II Soldier BR 15339

by Walter Dean Myers
1 volume

Europe, 1944. American teenage soldier Scott Collins describes the Omaha Beach invasion, in which many men in his company are killed. Writing home, he details his experiences as he fights across France, receives a promotion, and suffers a wound. For grades 4-7. 1999.

Father Bear Comes Home BR 15341

by Else Holmelund Minarik
1 volume

Four episodes about Little Bear in which he waits impatiently for his father to come home from a day of fishing, has the hiccups, meets a mermaid, and plays with Owl. Beginning chapter book. For grades K-3. 1959.

Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

Boys' Life (for children and teens, monthly)
Braille Book Review (bimonthly)
Braille Chess Magazine (British quarterly)
Braille Music Magazine (British monthly)
Conundrum (British monthly)
Cooking Light (10 issues)
ESPN: The Magazine (biweekly)
Harper's (literary; monthly)
Health Newsletters (includes **Harvard Health Letter**, **Mayo Clinic Health Letter**, and **University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter**; monthly)
Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine (monthly)
Ladies' Home Journal (monthly)
Martha Stewart Living (home and entertaining; 10 issues)
Muse (for children; 10 issues)
The Musical Mainstream (quarterly)
National Geographic (monthly)
The New York Times Large Type Weekly (weekly)
News (NLS quarterly)
Parenting (monthly except January and July)

PC World (personal computing; monthly)
Playboy (monthly)
Poetry (11 issues)
Popular Communications (monthly)
Popular Mechanics (monthly)
Popular Music Lead Sheets (irregular)
Rolling Stone (popular culture; 24 issues)
Science News (weekly)
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Short Stories (British monthly)
Spider: The Magazine for Children (monthly)
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Kansas	Emporia	800-362-0699	(620) 343-7124
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North Dakota	Bismarck	800-843-9948	(701) 328-1408
Ohio	Cincinnati	800-582-0335	(513) 369-6999
	Cleveland	800-362-1262	(216) 623-2911
Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	800-523-0288	(405) 521-3514
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Rhode Island	Providence		(401) 222-5800
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South Dakota	Pierre	800-423-6665	(605) 773-3131
Tennessee	Nashville	800-342-3308	(615) 741-3915
Texas	Austin	800-252-9605	(512) 463-5458
Utah	Salt Lake City	800-662-5540	(801) 715-6789
Vermont	Berlin	800-479-1711	(802) 828-3273
Virgin Islands	Christiansted		(340) 772-2250
Virginia	Richmond	800-552-7015	(804) 371-3661
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West Virginia	Charleston	800-642-8674	(304) 558-4061
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In Brief

The following material is reprinted from *NLS Flash*, March 2005, volume 1, issue 4, a newsletter created to bring current information on NLS progress in digital technology to patrons, library staff, and other interested individuals.

A new generation of talking-book machines

Have you ever asked yourself why you must push a button marked “end” to turn on your cell phone? Or why a TV remote might have a control called “bypass” that appears to do exactly nothing?

The answer to these questions is disarmingly simple: often technology is designed by engineers for engineers. They sometimes do not consider the rest of us.

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) understands this.

For the next generation of talking-book machines, NLS is emphasizing the usability of new technologies. “The digital talking-book player must be intuitive and easy to use by all patrons regardless of age, experience, and physical ability,” says Frank Kurt Cylke, the director of NLS. The new device must also be easily maintained and repaired.

With these criteria in mind, NLS has selected the technical and design services of Battelle, a leading technology innovation firm, and a team of experts to develop the digital talking books (DTBs) and audio playback machines. A contract was signed on February 23, 2005.

Serving as subcontractors on the project are HumanWare, formerly VisuAide, a leader in digital talking-book technology;

the National Federation of the Blind, the largest organization of blind persons in the United States, with more than 50,000 members; and Trace Research and Development Center at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, which makes information technology and telecommunications systems accessible by people with disabilities.

The completed system will include the digital talking-book machine (DTBM) and the flash memory cartridge that holds the talking book, as well as labeling and packaging. It's a tall order! The machines must be lightweight and portable, yet sturdy enough to survive postal delivery and years of heavy use.

Usability will be critical. "The player and cartridge together form the system with which users will read their talking books. That system will define the reading experience for future users, so it's critical that it be designed correctly," says Michael Moodie, deputy director of NLS. "If the job is done right, a user's focus will be on the book or magazine he or she is reading, and not on the player or the cartridge."

NLS patrons will reap the benefits of this design. By considering the purpose of the product up front and the ways in which patrons will put it to use, the final DTBM should function in a manner that all will find satisfying.

More than 60 percent of NLS patrons are over the age of 60, more than 1,000 are over 100 years of age, and many are newly blind. Most read books in a linear fashion and have limited need for a sophisticated navigation system. In fact, this group would find a complex player frustrating and thus prefer a more basic

player. Blind children and younger adults also use talking books and may wish DTBMs to have more capabilities—such as advanced navigation features. A user interface designed solely for one of these groups will not meet the wants and needs of all patrons.

"The DTBM will be designed with the blind and physically handicapped user in mind. Unlike audio players aimed at the general consumer, it will employ tactile features, color differences, and large-print labels to inform users with various levels of vision about its functions," says Cylke.

The user interface—the way a person interacts with a machine or a device—must be comfortable for people who are blind and/or physically handicapped.

Controls will be spaced so that it is easy to distinguish one from another. Because many talking-book readers like to read at higher-than-normal speeds, the DTBM will include a variable speed control. It will also include controls that allow users to quickly skip from chapter to chapter.

Usability studies will be conducted to ensure that patrons are able to easily and successfully run the player, that librarians are able to clearly explain the operation of the device, and that repair personnel are able to support and service the player.

Quality control

The playback machine must meet a tough set of standards. It will employ current and new technologies and will comply with safety regulations. And most important, it will be a creative and imaginative product that wins the support of patrons.

Over the lifetime of the design, nearly one million copies of the player will be distributed. The design will need to be economically mass-produced.

Since the player will deliver spoken audio to readers, patrons need a machine with high-quality sound.

The machine design will consider support issues such as guiding patrons, librarians, and repair personnel.

Battelle and their associates HumanWare, the National Federation of the Blind, and the Trace Center will create training materials for the users of the playback device, including instructions for use in large print and braille that will be shipped with the player.

“NLS plans to facilitate training of librarians in the use of DTBMs through hands-on demonstrations, the provision of written directions, and instructional videos,” says Judith Dixon, NLS consumer relations officer.

By 2008, NLS plans to have 60,000 playback units and 20,000 digital talking-book titles ready for use.

Meet the player makers

NLS has pulled together a team of developers and experts in the fields of technology and disability to ensure that the new digital talking-book machine (DTBM) will be just what patrons want. Not only will it be smartly designed, but the DTBM will be examined and tested at every turn for compatibility with blind and physically handicapped users. Here is the team that will make it happen.

Battelle

Contractor. The firm has developed the technology behind some of the products we use everyday such as the copy machine, compact discs, and the bar code used by retailers for automated checkout and inventory control.

HumanWare, formerly Visuaide

Subcontractor. A Canadian innovation firm and leader in digital talking-book technology, HumanWare produces the Victor Readers. They have also created the next generation of GPS-based orientation solutions for blind and physically handicapped individuals and the first mainstream accessible handheld PC.

National Federation of the Blind

Subcontractor. The largest organization of blind persons in the United States and the world, NFB has more than 50,000 members who work to integrate the blind into society on a basis of equality by removing legal, economic, and social discrimination.

Trace Research and Development Center, College of Engineering,

University of Wisconsin–Madison

Subcontractor. A pioneer in the field of technology and disability, the Trace Center has developed widely used guidelines for the design of consumer products to make them accessible to persons with disabilities.

Digital talking-book (DTB) milestones

Completed

- Defined and prioritized digital talking-book (DTB) features
- Coordinated development and publication of *Specifications for the Digital Talking Book* (ANSI/NISO Z39.86)
- Simulated a DTB player using personal computer
- Developed a computer-based, life-cycle cost analysis (LCC) model for the NLS system and for candidate digital systems
- Developed computer software for DTB production and presentation
- Developed software to test conformance of players and DTBs with the ANSI/NISO standard
- User survey
- Player transition study
- Distribution medium study
- Awarded player and medium design contract

Start 1/12/04–Finish 10/1/08

The following ongoing projects, set to conclude in 2008, are shown with start dates in parentheses.

- Web-Magazine pilot (1/12/04)
- Digital data management system development (11/1/04)
- Distribution system design and transition planning (12/1/04)
- Player and medium development (3/1/05)
- Design DTB containers and labels (6/1/05)
- Web-Book pilot (6/1/05)
- Prepare for DTB distribution (10/1/05)
- Circulation systems design (12/1/05)

- Manufacture initial lot of DTB containers and labels (9/1/06)
 - Distribution system implementation (10/1/06)
 - Circulation systems implementation (10/1/06)
 - Media production (3/1/07)
 - Media duplication (5/1/07)
 - Full player production (9/1/07)
- For information on the NLS digital project, contact Jean M. Moss, Digital Projects Coordinator. E-mail: jemo@loc.gov; fax: (202) 707-1690. For the *Strategic Business Plan* online: www.loc.gov/nls/businessplan2003.html
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Student financial aid guide available

The U.S. Department of Education now has available an updated audio recording on compact disc that provides information about federal student aid to students who are blind or visually impaired. The guide covers federal grants, loans, and work-study programs, as well as non-federal sources of aid. Students can request one or more copies of the free guide by contacting the Federal Student Aid Information Center toll free at 1-800-433-3243. Students can also listen to the guide on the Web at <http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/audioguide>.

Newsstand

The following announcements may be of interest to readers. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reserves the right to publish announcements selectively, as space

permits. Items mentioned, however, are not part of the NLS program, and their listing does not imply endorsement.

Talking tactile atlas. *The National Geographic Talking Tactile Atlas of the World* has just become available from Touch Graphics, Inc. The atlas, which includes 43 raised-line and printed map sheets, was developed through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education and was created in collaboration with National Geographic Maps. Users can place one of the maps onto a Talking Tactile Tablet (TTT), a new, reasonably priced touch-sensitive “viewer” for tactile graphics that connects to a computer’s USB port. When the user presses on various cities, countries, landmarks, and bodies of water on the map, a recorded human voice speaks the name of the place that was touched. Other functions include an alphabetical index to find any named location that appears on one of the map sheets; a distance calculator to determine how far it is between any pair of places; and facts and historical notes about every continent, country, and U.S. state. By combining high-quality tactile graphic maps with the power of the computer to add audio information specific to each place the user touches, the Talking Tactile Atlas of the World offers an unprecedented level of access to geographical information.

For further product information, visit www.touchgraphics.com. For information on price and how to order, e-mail info@touchgraphics.com, or call (212) 375-6341.

Books for Adults

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

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Nonfiction

Many Thousands Gone: The First Two Centuries of Slavery in North America BR 14699

by Ira Berlin

6 volumes

History professor Berlin discusses the evolution of slavery from a social practice to a central pillar of the U.S. economy. He outlines three stages in this development—the charter generation, the plantation generation, and the revolutionary generation—and distinguishes among four geographical areas—the North, the Chesapeake, the Carolina low country, and the Mississippi Valley. 1998.

A New Reference Grammar of Modern Spanish BR 14863

by John Butt and
Carmen Benjamin

10 volumes

Provides a complete and up-to-date reference to the grammatical rules of modern Spanish as currently spoken and written in Spain and Latin America. Covers formal, colloquial, familiar, and popular usage of the

language, illustrated with examples in Spanish with English translations. English/Spanish language. 1988.

The Holy Bible with the Apocrypha: Revised Standard Version BR 14943

24 volumes

Fiftieth anniversary edition of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible (1952), which revised the American Standard Version (published in 1901) that was, in turn, a revision of the King James Version (published in 1611). Includes Apocrypha. 2002.

Blindness and Children: An Individual Differences Approach BR 14980

by David H. Warren

4 volumes

Explores the known variables affecting the development of children with visual impairments. Analyzes research literature on structuring children's experiences to achieve optimal learning skills and avoid developmental delays. 1994.

Dark Harbor: Building House and Home on an Enchanted Island BR 15118

by Ved Mehta

2 volumes

In this continuation of his *Continents of Exile* memoir series, Mehta, a blind writer, recounts his undertaking to build a house on a small Maine island in 1984 and the importance of this home in his marriage and family life. 2003.

Baking by Flavor BR 15148

by Lisa Yockelson

6 volumes

More than 250 recipes designed to accentuate eighteen flavors—among them chocolate, vanilla, caramel,

lemon, and apricot—in a variety of cakes, cookies, and pies. Contains introductory headnotes, easy-to-follow instructions, and lots of special baking tips. Also includes sections on equipment, pantry staples, and freezing baked goods. 2002.

Helen and Teacher: The Story of Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan Macy

BR 15171

by Joseph P. Lash
8 volumes (Reissue)

Dual biography reveals the depth and intensity in the mutually dependent relationship between deaf-blind Helen Keller and her teacher, Anne Sullivan. Chronicles both women's childhoods and adult years until Keller's death in 1968. 1980.

Getting Your Book Published for Dummies BR 15205

by Sarah Parsons Zackheim
4 volumes

Describes the publishing industry and emphasizes what budding authors need to know in order to have a book produced. Includes advice on dealing with negotiations, proposals, advances, options, rights, marketing, agents, and self-publishing on the Web. Foreword by Nelson DeMille. 2000.

The Alzheimer's Health Care Handbook: How to Get the Best Medical Care for Your Relative with Alzheimer's Disease in and out of the Hospital BR 15223

by Mary S. Mittelman and
Cynthia Epstein
2 volumes

Advice for caregivers of Alzheimer's patients who suffer from physical ailments as well as dementia. Covers

doctors' visits, medications, emergencies, hospital stays, post-hospitalization care, and end-of-life decisions. Also includes nursing home information and tips on self-care for oneself. 2002.

From Love Field: Our Final Hours with President John F. Kennedy BR 15239

by Nellie Connally and
Mickey Herskowitz
1 volume

Widow of former Texas governor John Connally recalls the fateful Dallas ride in the presidential limousine on November 22, 1963, when JFK was fatally shot and the governor severely wounded. Nellie Connally describes the chaos of the scene, her husband's long recovery, and the assassination's effect on her and her three children. 2003.

In My Grandmother's House: Award-winning Authors Tell Stories about Their Grandmothers BR 15256

compiled by Bonnie Christensen
2 volumes

Twelve authors describe their fascination with their grandmothers. In "Rhizomes," Minfong Ho wonders how hers coped with leaving China for an arranged marriage in Singapore. In "Grandma and Her Needle," Beverly Cleary reminisces about her hat-making grandmother. For junior and senior high readers. 2003.

**The Lord Is My Shepherd: Healing
Wisdom of the Twenty-third Psalm
BR 15261**

by Harold S. Kushner

1 volume

Rabbi Kushner, author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*

(BR 5310), reflects on the solace in the words of the Twenty-third Psalm and their meaning after the terrorist events of September 11, 2001. Kushner's nonsectarian discussion examines each stanza of the psalm as it relates to life and loss. 2003.

**Landscaping with Wildflowers:
An Environmental Approach to
Gardening BR 15266**

by Jim Wilson

2 volumes

A host of PBS's "Victory Garden" discusses how to establish native plants in a variety of habitats. Wilson advocates making selections that attract butterflies and birds, and recommends cultivating types resistant to diseases and pests. His suggestions include soil preparation, purchasing tips, and maintenance. He also provides lists of ferns, wildflowers, and grasses for specific regions. 1992.

**Tales of a Female Nomad: Living at
Large in the World BR 15269**

by Rita Golden Gelman

3 volumes

Children's author and self-proclaimed "modern-day nomad" recounts her travels since 1986 when, on the verge of divorce at age forty-eight, she abandoned her upscale California existence. Gelman's serendipitous lifestyle takes her around the world—from the Galápagos to Thailand and be-

yond—where she connects with locals, learns their customs, and shares their lives. 2001.

**Republic of Shade: New England and
the American Elm BR 15270**

by Thomas J. Campanella

3 volumes

A natural history of the American elm interwoven with U.S. urban and cultural development. Describes the native tree's symbolic significance and practical uses in the early republic, its spread across the nation, its demise as a victim of modernization and Dutch elm disease, and twentieth-century efforts to restore it to prominence. 2003.

Teen Angst? Naaah . . . : A

Quasi-Autobiography BR 15272

by Ned Vizzini

2 volumes

The self-described "geeky" author reminisces about growing up in New York City, navigating junior and senior high school, living for Nintendo games, taking family vacations, and dating and other embarrassing moments. Some strong language. For senior high readers. 2000.

**An Open Book: Coming of Age in the
Heartland BR 15290**

by Michael Dirda

3 volumes

Memoir recounting the childhood of the Pulitzer Prize-winning literary journalist. A steelworker's son, Dirda reminisces about growing up in the industrial town of Lorain, Ohio, during the 1950s and 1960s; working toward a degree in English at Oberlin College; and encountering various books that fueled his imagination along the way. 2003.

Experiencing the Passion of Jesus: A Discussion Guide on History's Most Important Event BR 15309

by Lee Strobel and

Garry Poole

1 volume

Two writers offer a topical guide for exploring the themes of Mel Gibson's film *The Passion of the Christ*. Includes six discussion questions with biblical sources about the death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. 2004.

A Guide to the Passion: One Hundred Questions about *The Passion of the Christ* BR 15310

by Catholic Exchange

1 volume

A Catholic guide to theological and artistic aspects of Mel Gibson's film *The Passion of the Christ*, which depicts Jesus's crucifixion and resurrection. Contains advice for spiritual seekers and poses and answers some questions about the movie. 2004.

How to Dunk a Doughnut: The Science of Everyday Life BR 15316

by Len Fisher

3 volumes

Physicist author uses mundane everyday events and anecdotes as vehicles to convey basic scientific concepts in an entertaining manner. Discusses how to dunk a donut, catch a fly ball, and use tools while explaining the underlying principles involved. 2002.

Hope Dies Last: Keeping the Faith in Difficult Times BR 15317

by Studs Terkel

3 volumes

Oral interviews with fifty-four people, varying in age and profession, focus-

ing especially on their hopes to achieve a better life for themselves and mankind. Terkel presents these vignettes, which discuss such subjects as politics, economics, and civil rights, to support his thesis that hope is necessary to trigger activism leading to change. 2003.

American Massacre: The Tragedy at Mountain Meadows, September 1857 BR 15338

by Sally Denton

4 volumes

An investigative reporter uses primary sources to research an attack in Utah on a wealth-laden pioneer wagon train whose passengers, except for a few children, were slaughtered. Analyzes the political and social climate of the time and concludes that the evidence leads to the elders of the Mormon church. 2003.

Spoken Here: Travels among Threatened Languages BR 15342

by Mark Abley

4 volumes

Award-winning Canadian journalist documents the unprecedented extinction of the world's less-spoken languages. Drawing on his encounters with linguistic remnants from the Arctic to aboriginal Australia, he illustrates threats to many endangered tongues. The report also speaks to the relationship between language and identity and warns of globalization's consequences. 2003.

The Pawprints of History: Dogs and the Course of Human Events

BR 15345

by Stanley Coren

4 volumes

Author portrays canines whose relationships with historical figures have influenced world events. Coren describes how Freud's fondness for dogs led to pet-assisted therapy, how Ponce de León's brutal pooch expedited Spain's conquest of America, and how China's "lion dogs" helped end imperial rule. 2002.

Coping with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease BR 15348

by Elaine Fantle Shimberg

2 volumes

Describes the condition known as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), including its causes, diagnosis, treatments, and "a to z" coping skills for both patients and their families. Offers ways to quit smoking and advice for caregivers. 2003.

Eats, Shoots and Leaves: The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation BR 15421

by Lynne Truss

1 volume

Despairing over the abysmal state of British usage, author/journalist Truss, a stickler for punctuation, dissects common language errors involving apostrophes, commas, dashes, and hyphens. She notes punctuation is not a class issue but a tool to clarify the written word. Bestseller. 2003.

Fiction

In the Presence of the Enemy

BR 14852

by Elizabeth George

5 volumes

Newspaper editor Dennis Luxford receives a threatening note demanding that he publicly reveal he is the father of ten-year-old Charlotte Bowen, the kidnapped daughter of a member of Parliament with whom Luxford had an affair years earlier. Scotland Yard inspector Thomas Lynley enters the case when a body is discovered. Strong language. Bestseller. 1996.

In Pursuit of the Proper Sinner

BR 14856

by Elizabeth George

6 volumes

Inspector Thomas Lynley's search for clues to connect a suicide and several murders provides him with multiple suspects. Lynley's longtime partner Barbara Havers works especially hard in hopes of redeeming the reputation she lost in *Deception on His Mind* (BR 14864). Some violence and some strong language. Bestseller. 1999.

Long for This World BR 14977

by Michael Byers

4 volumes

While studying a fatal aging disease in children, geneticist Dr. Henry Moss finds a potential cure that will brand him unethical but make him incredibly wealthy. Meanwhile, his nonpracticing physician wife and two teenage children struggle with unfulfilled expectations of their own. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2003.

The Early Stories, 1953–1975

BR 15219

by John Updike

8 volumes

More than one hundred short pieces originally published in the *New Yorker* and other magazines. Includes the Olinger and Tarbox sagas as well as “Pigeon Feathers,” “The Family Meadow,” and “The Witnesses.”

Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2003.

Flight of the Intruder BR 15226

by Stephen Coonts

3 volumes

Vietnam, 1972. U.S. Navy pilot Jake Grafton struggles for meaning in the senseless death and destruction. Bitter and angry, he plans an illegal bombing raid on Hanoi. Prequel to *Final Flight* (BR 7630). Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1986.

The Spirit of Covington BR 15227

by Joan Medlicott

3 volumes

When fire destroys the farmhouse of Amelia, Grace, and Hannah, the three devastated ladies and Hannah’s daughter, Laura, seek temporary refuge elsewhere. The stress of rebuilding, losing their keepsakes, and living apart affects their relationships. Sequel to *From the Heart of Covington* (BR 14151). 2003.

The Queene’s Christmas: An Elizabeth I Mystery BR 15228

by Karen Harper

2 volumes

London, England; 1564. Even as she feuds with her cousin Mary Stuart of Scotland, thirty-one-year-old Queen Elizabeth plans an old-fashioned Yule-

tide celebration. But when one of the kitchen help is murdered, court herb mistress Meg Milligrew and trusted companions join Elizabeth in hunting for the killer before he strikes again. 2003.

Artemis: A Kydd Novel BR 15234

by Julian Stockwin

3 volumes

Following his introduction to the sea in *Kydd* (BR 13841), Thomas Kydd and his friend Nicholas Renzi continue to fight Napoleon’s navy—this time aboard a frigate. During a stop in Macao, Kydd falls in love but can’t commit to a life ashore. Some descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. 2001.

Zigzag BR 15235

by Ellen Wittlinger

2 volumes

When her boyfriend deserts her for the summer, seventeen-year-old Robin drives from Iowa to California with her widowed aunt and two nasty younger cousins. The grieving family fights along the way, but Robin helps console them and also begins to become more independent. Some strong language. For senior high readers. 2003.

Friction BR 15240

by E.R. Frank

1 volume

When Stacy, a new eighth-grade girl, starts spreading nasty rumors about classmate Alexandra and her favorite teacher, Simon, the class doesn’t know what to think. But when Stacy accuses Simon of molesting her, Alex visits her house and discovers the truth. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 2003.

The Notebook BR 15245

by Nicholas Sparks

2 volumes

An elderly man reads from a notebook to his wife, who has Alzheimer's disease. Gradually he unfolds the story of a couple who fell in love the summer after high school and were reunited by a fluke fourteen years later. But will his wife recognize her own story?

Some explicit descriptions of sex.

Bestseller. 1996.

Don Quixote BR 15246

by Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra

9 volumes

Spanish classic depicting the adventures of Don Quixote, an aging gentleman addled by chivalrous visions, who appoints himself a knight-errant and sets out with his faithful squire, Sancho Panza, on a quest to right the world's wrongs. Originally published in two parts in 1605 and 1615. New translation by Edith Grossman.

Bestseller. 2003.

Pompeii BR 15250

by Robert Harris

3 volumes

Italy, A.D. 79. Pliny the Elder sends engineer Marcus Attilius Primus to Pompeii to investigate a water flow problem. Attilius examines the aqueduct, uncovers an embezzlement scheme, discovers the imminent eruption of the volcano Vesuvius, and attempts to rescue his new love. Some violence and some strong language.

Bestseller. 2003.

The Dragon's Son BR 15254

by Sarah L. Thomson

2 volumes

Four short stories about King Arthur as seen through the eyes of family members and friends. In the first, Nimue marries a bard who supports the king in uniting England against the invading Saxons. In the last, Arthur's son arrives to overthrow his father. Some violence. For junior and senior high readers. 2001.

Slumming BR 15258

by Kristen D. Randle

1 volume

High school seniors Alicia, Nikki, and Sam, who are Mormons, decide to find three "losers" to take to the prom. Sam chooses a girl with a dark family secret; Alicia cozies up to the class geek; and Nikki befriends a rebel. But problems arise. For senior high readers. 2003.

The Birth of Venus BR 15267

by Sarah Dunant

3 volumes

Renaissance Florence. Sixteen-year-old Alessandra Cecchi, the educated, artistic daughter of a wealthy merchant, is forced to marry an older man, who promises her freedom. Upon discovering his true intentions, she turns for love to an artist commissioned by her father. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language.

Bestseller. 2003.

The Glass Café; or, The Stripper and the State: How My Mother Started a War with the System That Made Us Kind of Rich and a Little Bit Famous BR 15303

by Gary Paulsen

1 volume

Twelve-year-old Tony is almost taken away from his mother when Social Services discovers that she is an exotic dancer. For junior and senior high readers. 2003.

The White Russian BR 15311

by Tom Bradby

4 volumes

St. Petersburg, 1917. On the brink of the Bolshevik Revolution, chief investigator Sandro Ruzsky copes with a double murder. The dead woman is discovered to have ties to the royal family, while the dead man is American. Ruzsky uncovers treachery amid political and social unrest. Some violence and some strong language. 2003.

Paradise: Based on a True Story of Survival BR 15312

by Joan Elizabeth Goodman

2 volumes

In 1542, sixteen-year-old French Huguenot Marguerite de La Rocque sails to America with her uncle. When he discovers Marguerite in the arms of her Catholic lover, he abandons them both on a Canadian island, where they struggle to survive. Some descriptions of sex. For senior high readers. 2002.

Gloriana's Torch BR 15313

by Patricia Finney

5 volumes

Britain, 1580s. Following *Unicorn's Blood* (BR 11881), English spy David Becket returns to Spain for informa-

tion and to rescue colleague Simon Ames from the Inquisition. Ames's wife, Rebecca, and her African slave, Merula, complicate matters by traveling with him. Some strong language. 2003.

Heretic: Grail Quest, Book 3 BR 15314

by Bernard Cornwell

3 volumes

France, 1347. English archer Thomas of Hookton is sent to Gascony to capture a fortress, apprehend his cousin Guy Vexille, and, if possible, find the Grail. Thomas falls in love with Genevieve, a heretic sentenced to burn, and becomes a fugitive by sparing her life. Sequel to *Vagabond* (BR 15478). Violence. 2003.

Creation BR 15315

by Katherine Govier

3 volumes

Fictional account of an undocumented period in John James Audubon's life, the summer of 1833 he spent in Labrador furthering his quest to paint every bird in North America. Audubon kills his beloved feathered creatures to obtain life-sized models, romances his assistant, and becomes friends with a Royal Navy captain conducting a mapping survey. 2002.

Seaflower: A Kydd Novel BR 15319

by Julian Stockwin

3 volumes

Following the devastating shipwreck of the frigate *Artemis* (BR 15234), Thomas Kydd and his friend Nicholas Renzi are assigned to a Royal Navy cutter in the Caribbean. As Britain and Napoleonic France fight to control the West Indies, the *Seaflower* endures battles, storms, and shark attacks.

Some violence and some strong language. 2003.

Scott Free BR 15346

by John Gilstrap
3 volumes

To impress her estranged teenage son, Scott, self-help guru Sherry O'Toole treats him to a week-long Utah ski trip. Avoiding his mother, Scott boards a small plane headed for a concert—and crashes in a snowstorm. As Sherry's ex-husband arrives, Scott's fight for survival begins. Strong language and some violence. 2003.

Shipwreck BR 15349

by Louis Begley
2 volumes

Prize-winning American novelist John North recounts his adulterous liaisons with obsessive French journalist Léa Morini. He reveals to a stranger in a Parisian cafe how he was confused by his desires and how he struggled to hide this ill-fated affair. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2003.

Maisie Dobbs BR 15352

by Jacqueline Winspear
3 volumes

Thirteen-year-old Maisie is lucky to be a maid in the home of a wealthy London suffragette who sees to her education. Maisie becomes a private investigator in 1929 after serving as a nurse during the Great War. Her first case involves a shelter for wounded veterans. 2003.

Cry, the Beloved Country BR 15354

by Alan Paton
3 volumes

The classic story of Zulu pastor Stephen Kumalo's search for his

delinquent son, Absalom, in 1940s Johannesburg, South Africa. Kumalo's experiences are set against a background of a land and its people struggling not only with overwhelming racial injustice but also with disintegration of tribal culture and traditional family bonds. 1948.

Kicked Out BR 15410

by Beth Goobie
1 volume

Fifteen-year-old Dime is so unmanageable that her parents allow her to move in with her older brother Darren, who is a quadriplegic. After Dime's boyfriend leaves her she reassesses her life and begins to build self-esteem. Uncontracted braille. For senior high and older readers. 2002.

Bull Rider BR 15411

by Marilyn Halvorson
1 volume

Sixteen-year-old Layne McQueen wants to follow in his late father's footsteps and enters a rodeo against his mother's wishes. Although his dad was killed bull riding, Layne secretly practices on a ranch nearby. Grade 1 braille. For junior and senior high and older readers. 2003.

Hidden Prey BR 15419

by John Sandford
3 volumes

Duluth, Minnesota. When ex-KGB agent Rodion Oleshev is found dead on a city dock, police, the FBI, and Russian officials want answers. Special investigator Lucas Davenport from *Naked Prey* (BR 14804) and Moscow cop Nadya Kalin team up to solve the crime. Violence, strong language, and

some descriptions of sex. Bestseller.
2004.

Books for Children

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to you braille-lending library.

Nonfiction

**There's a Frog in My Throat!
440 Animal Sayings a Little Bird
Told Me BR 15039**

by Loreen Leedy and
Pat Street

1 volume

Hundreds of sayings in English involving animals. Humorously explains the meaning of everyday expressions such as "it's a dog's life," "copycat," "chicken feed," "rat race," and "buzz off." PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 2003.

**Goldilocks and the Three Bears
BR 15042**

retold by Jim Aylesworth
1 volume

In a rendition of the classic fairy tale, Goldilocks is a good girl but sometimes forgets what her mother tells her to do. When she ventures into the woods and wanders into a stranger's house, she regrets not obeying the rules. PRINT/BRAILLE. For pre-school-grade 2. 2003.

Deaf Culture A to Z BR 15047

by Walter Paul Kelley

1 volume

An alphabet book that looks at the deaf community letter by letter beginning with American Sign Language and ending with Dr. Elizabeth Zinser, a former president of Gallaudet University. PRINT/BRAILLE. For pre-school-grade 2. 2003.

**Christmas Crafts from around the
World BR 15242**

by Judy Ann Sadler

1 volume

A how-to book on holiday handicrafts from fourteen countries that children can make. Includes an advent calendar from Germany, cranberry and popcorn garlands from the United States, a piñata from Mexico, and a nativity scene from Italy. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 2003.

The North American Bison BR 15257

by John E. Becker

1 volume

Discusses the history of this woolly, horned mammal, including its near extinction in the 1870s when federal troops slaughtered bison herds to help defeat Native American tribes that were dependent on them for survival. Also relates later governmental and other efforts to preserve the species. For grades 4-7. 2003.

Ready, Set, Grow! A "What's Happening to My Body?" Book for Younger Girls BR 15259

by Lynda Madaras
1 volume

Written for girls in elementary school, this volume discusses the approach of puberty including the physical and emotional changes that they can expect. Includes nutrition and skin care advice. Companion to *What's Happening to My Body? Book for Girls* (BR 12992). For grades 4-7. 2003.

Dr. Seuss's ABC BR 15320

by Dr. Seuss
1 volume (Reissue)

Dr. Seuss adds nonsensical rhymes to the alphabet to make it fun for children to learn letters and their sounds. For preschool-grade 2. 1963.

***The Dream Keeper and Other Poems* BR 15321**

by Langston Hughes
1 volume (Reissue)

Collection of sixty-six poems for young readers chosen by the author. Selections include lyrical poems, songs, and blues, many exploring the African American experience. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1932.

Onboard the Space Shuttle BR 15326

by Ray Spangenburg and
Kit Moser
1 volume

Examines what life is like for crews working on U.S. space shuttles and on the Russian space station *Mir*. Describes the space program's development and early problems, major scientific accomplishments, the 1986 *Challenger* explosion, landmark missions, and the 2000 launch of the inter-

national space station. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 2002.

**Welcome to Kaya's World 1764:
Growing Up in a Native American
Homeland BR 15356**

by Dottie Raymer
1 volume

This companion to *Meet Kaya* (BR 14539) and others in the series portray the Nez Perce Native American culture of the Pacific Northwest. Describes the myths, legends, history, and habitat of the tribe through modern times. For grades 2-4. 2003.

Fiction

Panda Bear, Panda Bear, What Do You See? BR 15043

by Bill Martin
1 volume

A child sees ten creatures that are all endangered species—bald eagles, water buffalo, sea lions, black panthers, green sea turtles, and others—and dreams they are free. Companion to *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* (BR 9944). PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 2003.

Private and Confidential: A Story about Braille BR 15046

by Marion Ripley
1 volume

When ten-year-old Laura discovers that her new Australian pen pal, Malcolm, has vision problems, she learns how to use a neighbor's braille machine in order to write to him. Includes an alphabet card and a braille message. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 2003.

Losing Forever BR 15115

by Gayle Friesen

2 volumes

Fifteen-year-old Jessica tries hard to cope with her mother's remarriage plans until her future stepsister shows up. Angela, Jessica's age, is beautiful and disturbed, but friends and family help Jessica to accept her new life. Some strong language. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2002.

The City of Ember BR 15120

by Jeanne DuPrau

2 volumes

A city planned to survive for two hundred years, now in year 241, suffers shortages—and a secret message-bearing box is missing. Independent-thinking twelve-year-olds Doon and Lina exchange obligatory jobs and make a discovery that could change their known world. For grades 5-8. 2003.

Escape from New Babylon: Left

Behind—The Kids, Book 22 BR 15187

by Jerry B. Jenkins and

Tim LaHaye

1 volume

In this sequel to *Secrets of New Babylon* (BR 15186) Vicki returns to the schoolhouse with newcomer Chris Traickin, although she wonders if he can be trusted. In New Babylon, Judd and Nada discover that Nada's brother is still alive. For grades 5-8. 2002.

Horsemen of Terror: Left Behind—

The Kids, Book 23 BR 15188

by Jerry B. Jenkins and

Tim LaHaye

1 volume

In this sequel to *Escape from New Babylon* (BR 15187), Judd's life changes forever as he is forced to en-

dure a test from God all alone. At the schoolhouse, Vicki's worst fears are realized as the Global Community sets in motion a plan to trap believers. For grades 5-8. 2002.

Uplink from the Underground: Left Behind—The Kids, Book 24 BR 15189

by Jerry B. Jenkins and

Tim LaHaye

1 volume

In this sequel to *Horsemen of Terror* (BR 15188), the horsemen are causing havoc and killing people across the world. The kids in the schoolhouse have developed a bold plan to help spread the word. Meanwhile Judd is faced with the task of stopping an assassination attempt. For grades 5-8. 2002.

Granny Torrelli Makes Soup

BR 15241

by Sharon Creech

1 volume

Rosie's grandmother knows that the kitchen is a wonderful place for trading confidences and advice in the form of stories. When Rosie and her best friend, Bailey, who is vision impaired, have a falling out, Granny Torrelli reunites them through cooking. For grades 5-8. 2003.

Johnny Tremain: A Novel for Old and Young BR 15252

by Esther Forbes

2 volumes

After injuring his right hand, fourteen-year-old Johnny, a silversmith's apprentice, becomes a messenger for the Sons of Liberty in the days before the American Revolution. He meets Massachusetts patriots and becomes involved in events leading to the

Boston Tea Party and the Battle of Lexington. For grades 5-8. Newbery Medal. 1943.

Secret Heart BR 15260

by David Almond

1 volume

Stammering Joe Maloney, bullied by the boys in his village school, dreams of tigers. When a shabby circus comes to town, he finds a soul mate in Corinna, a trapeze artist, and other performers. For grades 5-8. 2001.

Pooh Invents a New Game BR 15293

by A.A. Milne

1 volume

Winnie-the-Pooh, Piglet, Rabbit, and Roo are racing sticks on the river when Eeyore floats by. Eeyore is more concerned about who bounced him into the river than how he gets out. Christopher Robin calms things down. Beginning chapter book. For grades 2-4. 2003.

**The Case of the Troublesome Turtle:
The High-Rise Private Eyes, Book 4
BR 15294**

by Cynthia Rylant

1 volume

A toy store owner complains that every Friday someone is taking the bunch of balloons tied to the front of the store. Animal detectives Bunny and Jack go to a football game and figure out a friendly way to solve the case. Beginning chapter book. For grades K-3. 2001.

Pooh Goes Visiting BR 15327

by A.A. Milne

1 volume

Winnie-the-Pooh eats so much while visiting Rabbit that he gets stuck in the entrance hole when he tries to leave.

Christopher Robin comes up with a solution. Beginning chapter book. For grades 2-4. 2002.

Mirror, Mirror on the Wall: The Diary of Bess Brennan BR 15330

by Barry Denenberg

1 volume

In 1932 twelve-year-old Bess loses her sight in a sledding accident. Dictating her thoughts to her twin sister, Elin, on weekend visits home, Bess keeps a diary describing life at the Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, Massachusetts, where she learns to read braille. For grades 5-8. 2002.

**On the Far Side of the Mountain
BR 15351**

by Jean Craighead George

1 volume (Reissue)

Continues teenager Sam Gibley's wilderness survival adventures begun in *My Side of the Mountain* (BR 15070). Sam's peaceful new life is shattered when a conservation officer confiscates his falcon and his younger sister, Alice, disappears from their mountain home. For grades 5-8. 1990.

The River BR 15353

by Gary Paulsen

1 volume

In this sequel to *Hatchet* (BR 11525), Brian Robeson returns to the wilderness with Derek Holtzer, a psychologist investigating the nature of survival. The two are struck by lightning, and the radio transmitter is knocked out leaving them stranded. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1991.

Doing Time Online BR 15518

by Jan Siebold

1 volume

Twelve-year-old Mitch is sentenced to community service after his prank harms an elderly woman. To make amends he must chat online with a nursing home resident twice a week. Over time he bonds with Wootie Hayes, and the two become friends. For grades 4-7. 2002.

Haunting at Home Plate BR 15520

by David Patneaude

1 volume

Twelve-year-old Nelson recruits his female cousin Mike to coach his baseball team. They are on a losing streak when they see messages scratched in the dirt at home plate. The team wonders if the ghost of a boy who died years ago is responsible. For grades 4-7. 2000.

Lumber Camp Library BR 15521

by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock

1 volume

Vermont, 1920s. Ruby wants to be a teacher, but she has to quit school after her father's death in a logging accident to help care for her ten brothers and sisters. A chance meeting with an elderly blind neighbor transforms her life. For grades 3-6. 2002.

Me Tarzan BR 15522

by Betsy Byars

1 volume

Dorothy surprises herself and everyone else when she tries out for Tarzan in the class play. An amazing jungle yell comes out of her—and it gets louder every time. During each rehearsal more and more animals gather. Then

the circus comes to town. For grades 2-4. 2000.

Ruby Holler BR 15524

by Sharon Creech

1 volume

Thirteen-year-old fraternal twins Dallas and Florida have grown up in a terrible orphanage. Their luck changes when an elderly couple, Mr. Tiller Morey and his wife, Sairy, invite them on a travel adventure starting from their home in a wonderful place called Ruby Holler. For grades 4-7. 2002.

Saving Lilly BR 15525

by Peg Kehret

1 volume

Sixth-graders Erin and David have researched the topic of circus animal abuse, so when their teacher schedules a field trip to the Glitter Tent Circus they refuse to go. Instead they raise money to send a mistreated elephant, Lilly, to an animal sanctuary. For grades 3-6. 2001.

Silver Dollar Girl BR 15526

by Katherine Ayres

1 volume

Colorado, 1885. Vallie runs away from her aunt and uncle in Pittsburgh to search for her father, who is prospecting in Aspen. Disguised as a boy, Vallie finds adventure and danger while she travels west. For grades 3-6. 2000.

United Tates of America BR 15527

by Paula Danziger

1 volume

Eleven-year-old Sarah "Skate" Tate faces many disappointments entering middle school: she must endure a long bus ride every day, her cousin and best friend finds new companions and hob-

bies, and a death in the family occurs. But throughout all her trials Skate continues a scrapbook project. For grades 4-7. 2002.

When Mack Came Back BR 15528

by Brad Strickland

1 volume

Ten-year-old Maury of Georgia takes care of his brother Ben's dog and deals with his father's anger over Ben's joining the army during World War II. For grades 4-7. 2000.

The Word Eater BR 15529

by Mary Amato

1 volume

Sixth-grader Lerner hates her new school until she finds Fip, a paper-devouring magic worm. When Fip eats printed words, like "vending machine," the signified object disappears. Lerner takes Fip to class to get revenge on class bullies, but she gradually learns extraordinary powers bring big responsibilities. For grades 4-7. 2000.

Goldie and the Three Bears BR 16001

by Diane Stanley

1 volume

A little girl named Goldie has yet to find a friend to love. But when she makes an unplanned visit to the house of some bears, she finds what she is looking for. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 2003.

My Family Plays Music BR 16002

by Judy Cox

1 volume

An African American girl joins her musical family playing on a variety of instruments in various settings. She participates in a marching band and a string quartet and performs at church, in a café, in a ballroom, and in a con-

cert. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 2003.

Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

Boys' Life (for children and teens, monthly)
Braille Book Review (bimonthly)
Braille Chess Magazine (British quarterly)
Braille Music Magazine (British monthly)
Conundrum (British monthly)
Cooking Light (10 issues)
ESPN: The Magazine (biweekly)
Harper's (literary; monthly)
Health Newsletters (includes **Harvard Health Letter**, **Mayo Clinic Health Letter**, and **University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter**; monthly)
Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine (monthly)
Ladies' Home Journal (monthly)
Martha Stewart Living (home and entertaining; 10 issues)
Muse (for children; 10 issues)
The Musical Mainstream (quarterly)
National Geographic (monthly)
The New York Times Large Type Weekly (weekly)
News (NLS quarterly)
Parenting (monthly except January and July)

PC World (personal computing; monthly)
Playboy (monthly)
Poetry (11 issues)
Popular Communications (monthly)
Popular Mechanics (monthly)
Popular Music Lead Sheets (irregular)
Rolling Stone (popular culture; 24 issues)
Science News (weekly)
Seventeen (for teens, monthly)
Short Stories (British monthly)
Spider: The Magazine for Children (monthly)
Stone Soup (children's writings; 5 issues)
Update (NLS quarterly)
The Washington Post Book World (weekly)

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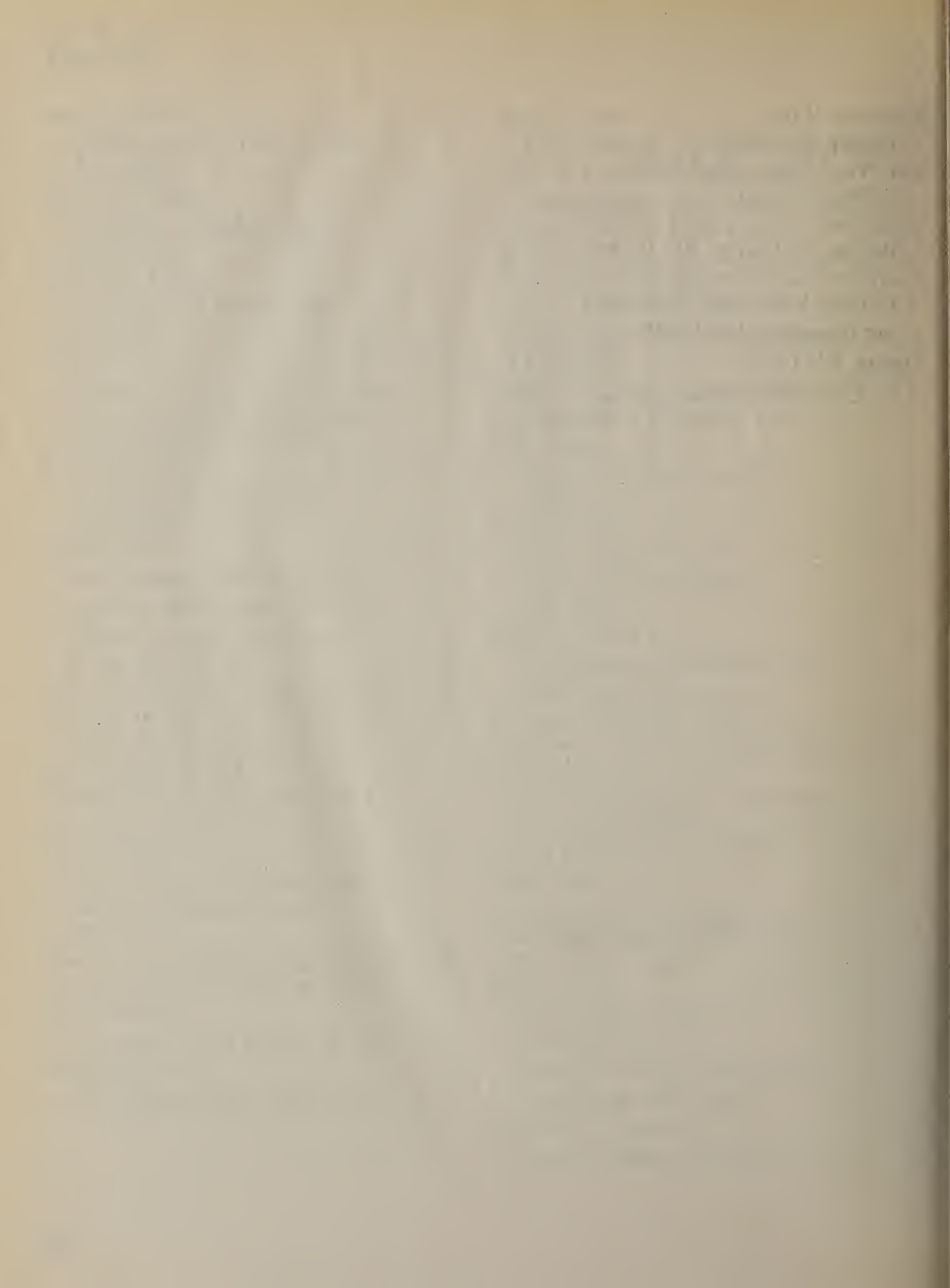
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In Brief

The following information is reprinted from two issues of *NLS Flash*, a newsletter created to bring current information on NLS progress in digital technology to patrons, library staff, and other interested individuals.

Flash, August 2005, volume 1, issue 9

The digital transition: a progress report

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), Library of Congress, is making significant progress with the audio-to-digital conversion project. Early sketches and models of the player and flash cartridge have been developed; many electronic components have been investigated and identified; a quality-assurance plan to guide the development of the player's software has been created; and more than four thousand books have been digitized.

It has not been easy. "In this transition, much of the talking-book program is changing, which means that many complex projects are under way simultaneously," says Frank Kurt Cylke, NLS director. "Designing players, developing digital talking-book cartridges, and building evaluation tools are each huge tasks, involving complicated processes."

To keep the project moving forward, NLS has hired a variety of outside contractors. Battelle and HumanWare are designing the best exterior shell for the player, a critical decision that affects the layout of controls. Two other contractors, the Trace Center and the National Federation of the Blind, are set to run a second

round of usability tests on the controls this month. David Andrews of the Minnesota State Services for the Blind has provided a consumer perspective to the project. "Design engineers are tackling tough issues such as storing the power cord, housing the speaker for maximum audio quality, integrating the handle, and inserting and removing cartridges," states Michael Moodie, NLS deputy director.

Another contractor, ManTech, has created a comparative analysis of the costs for distribution models for digital talking books, especially mass duplication and a hybrid version. ManTech also created a decision-making matrix that will help NLS staff select the right distribution system using four overarching criteria: impact on patrons, cost, complexity of implementation, and risk or vulnerability.

Protecting content

The Chafee Amendment relaxes copyright infringement laws for not-for-profit organizations who reproduce and distribute books for blind and physically handicapped readers, as long as special formats are used. For the current project, this required protection is called digital rights management (DRM).

According to Neil Bernstein, NLS research and development officer, "DRM utilizes encryption to allow access to digital book files by eligible readers only. In our system, all NLS patrons get the keys to unlock the book. The general public will not be able to read it."

NLS is developing an improved DRM system that is compatible with international systems. The standard, when universally accepted, will dramatically

streamline international interlibrary loan procedures.

Development of the DRM is an international effort involving the world's top experts on digital talking books. "Many of these people were instrumental in creating the original standards for digital talking books," Bernstein notes. Bernstein works with software engineers, hardware and software manufacturers, and consultants. A DRM expert is providing design and technical consultation. The committee has solicited feedback and recommendations from consumer groups and publishers. Specifications will be completed in December 2005 and sent to Retrieval Systems, an NLS contractor, to build the latest DRM tool.

Retrieval Systems has already designed three tools for NLS. These include the Quality Assurance Player, a PC-based player that allows a quality assurance expert to review a book and verify that it will play and navigate properly; NLS VAL, a software tool that runs dozens of automated tests on a book to check it against specifications and report problems; and DTB Prep, which compresses raw audio and applies an earlier form of DRM protection. The new DRM software will be more flexible and have a stronger encryption system than the current DTB Prep tool.

Book production

NLS started creating digital audio files in 2002. By 2004, all new titles were digitally recorded for production of NLS cassette books. NLS had some experience with digital audio, but it's been a learning process.

Talking books were once recorded on open-reel analog tape for duplication onto cassettes for circulation. Now master copies are recorded as audio files using a variety of digital recording systems. These digital files are then marked to highlight navigation points.

Creating solutions

In constructing the digital talking book, NLS strives to ensure that the capabilities of ANSI/NISO Z39.86-2002, the national DTB standard, are applied in a useful manner. This is not a simple task. Print books are simply too varied in the way they are laid out. NLS and its producers must therefore assess each book and decide how best to mark it for ease of use by the reader. A novel only needs to have each chapter marked, but a cookbook will require much more markup to allow easy access to recipes and the ability to step through a list of ingredients one by one.

Once a digital talking book is finished, a software check is conducted to confirm that the file meets the standard requirements.

Flash, September 2005, volume 1, issue 10

DTB audio player refined in second round of user tests

Practice makes perfect. To the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), Library of Congress, this makes perfect sense. That is why meticulous, ongoing evaluation is key to developing the digital talking-book machine (DTBM). NLS recently completed

the second in a series of eight usability tests on the latest player model, an essential step toward finalizing requirements and design.

Four main goals guided these tests: validating user-interface design and defining priorities for basic and advanced players; defining patron understanding and use of primary DTBM features; gathering feedback on player design and specific physical features; and lastly, improving the design and development of the models to be tested in round three.

“With each round of testing, NLS gains a deeper understanding of user and librarian needs, which helps us further refine player capabilities and design,” says Frank Kurt Cylke, NLS director. “Patron and librarian feedback is essential to building the best machine possible.”

Sixty-nine current and potential patrons—with varied visual, physical, and cognitive impairments—participated in the study. Users ranged from children to seniors and were grouped by gender, age, and skill. Testing was facilitated by the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) in Baltimore and Cleveland and by the Trace Research and Development Center of the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Interviews with library staff also yielded valuable insight into the system’s functionality.

“This series of usability tests was intended to see if engineers are getting the design right from the perspective of librarians and patrons,” notes Michael Moodie, NLS deputy director. “From the results of these tests, we will be able to validate and refine some requirements and turn them into specifications for the machine.”

For the first time, users conducted operational tasks on models of digital talking-book cartridges and players. The models incorporated ideas from initial user tests. While constructed of a special modeling foam, these models had functional buttons that were connected to actual digital talking-book recordings to simulate reading.

Operational tasks conducted on the player reflected typical usage scenarios. Testers examined the accessibility of basic functions, including primary and secondary controls and player features. All features needed to be obvious to patrons with varied capabilities and player experience.

The users appraised the shape, placement, tactile appeal, and ease of use of control buttons and the logic and clarity of navigation features. They assessed player size and appearance, cartridge insertion, power cord storage, and the use of the retractable handle and headphone jack.

NLS's top priority is producing a player that is both easy to use and navigation-friendly. "You can put in all the bells and whistles in the world, but if the user doesn't understand how to operate the machine, it's worthless," emphasizes Michael Katzmann, head of the NLS Engineering Section. "Player features must be obvious to users."

Librarians were interested primarily in maintenance issues such as cleaning players, re-labeling cartridges, stacking DTBMs for storage, and mailing-container handling. Librarians also desired a method for patrons to notify them of cartridge problems on return.

Testing does not stop with users. Engineers conduct their own field tests to ensure that the player meets NLS's high standards. The player must survive tough endurance exercises and still be functional. It must withstand a series of drops on all sides from as high as three feet, and resist scratches, spills, vermin, and extreme temperatures. Additional software-based testing evaluates its technical specifications.

Patron priorities

According to Robert Fistick, acting chief, Materials Development Division, usability testing helps NLS pinpoint patron priorities so that the player is designed to meet their top needs. The findings reveal that patrons continue to value accessibility, usability, portability, and that easy maintenance continues to be the highest priority for librarians and repair personnel.

Users suggested improvements to audio instructions housed in the player. They also expressed preferences on handle positioning, cord storage compartment, and the cartridge mailing container.

Moodie stated that "All of these findings are significant because they will be evaluated and incorporated into the ongoing design and development process for the cartridge and player."

Based on the findings, engineers will explore several recommendations for improvement including changes to control layout, behavior, and complexity; cartridge insertion; and cord storage methods.

Survival of the fittest

Creating an optimal player is difficult. Engineers must negotiate many competing requirements before finalizing the design.

Conflicts often relate to portability and accessibility. For example, deciding between long-running batteries and portability is a big issue. Higher battery capacity involves increasing the size and weight of the player, which ultimately inhibits portability and increases cost. A sleek yet stackable player design is another challenge. A rounded top may be stylish but it is impractical for storage and handling. In this case, form should follow function.

NLS strives for a happy medium and makes trade-offs based on the best interests of patrons and librarians.

Digital talking-book (DTB) milestones

Completed

- Defined and prioritized DTB features
- Coordinated development and publication of *Specifications for the Digital Talking Book* (ANSI/NISO Z39.86)
- Simulated a DTB player using personal computer
- Developed a computer-based, life-cycle cost analysis (LCC) model for the NLS system and for candidate digital systems
- Developed computer software for DTB production and presentation
- Developed software to test conformance of players and DTBs with the ANSI/NISO standard
- User survey
- Player transition study

- Distribution medium study
- Player and medium design contract awarded
- Distribution system design contract awarded

Start 1/12/04–Finish 10/1/08

The following ongoing projects, set to conclude by 2008, are shown with start dates in parathesis.

- Web-Magazine pilot (1/12/04)
- Digital data management system development (11/1/04)
- Player and medium development (3/01/05)
- Distribution system design and transition planning (3/15/05)
- Design DTB containers and labels (6/01/05)
- Web-Book pilot (6/01/05)
- Prepare DTBs for distribution (10/1/05)
- Circulation systems design (12/1/05)
- Manufacture initial lot of DTB containers and labels (9/01/06)
- Distribution system implementation (10/1/06)
- Circulation systems implementation (10/1/06)
- Media production (3/01/07)
- Media duplication (5/01/07)
- Full player production (9/01/07)

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the web, visit:
www.loc.gov/nls/businessplan2003.html.

Newsstand

The following announcements may be of interest to readers. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reserves the right to publish announcements selectively, as space permits. Items mentioned, however, are not part of the NLS program, and their listing does not imply endorsement.

Mail-order catalogs on cassette

Home Readers, a not-for-profit organization, is now offering more than twenty-five popular mail-order catalogs on four-track cassette free of charge, to make shopping more convenient. There is a wide variety of catalogs to choose from including clothing, music, old time radio, food, gifts, pet products, health and beauty, practical solutions, housewares, and home decor. The cassettes cover all text and product descriptions available in the print catalogs. For a free copy of the fall/winter 2005 Home Readers catalog, call toll-free 1-877-814-7323 or visit the web site at www.homereaders.com.

Books for Adults

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

Note: For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word “some” before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in “some strong language.”

Adult Nonfiction

***The New York Times* Jewish Cookbook: More than 825 Traditional and Contemporary Recipes from around the World** BR 15273

edited by Linda Amster

8 volumes

Wide-ranging collection of multiethnic, kosher recipes influenced by the cuisines of western and eastern Europe, the Middle East, northern Africa, and the United States. Includes sections on appetizers, soups, fish, poultry, meat, vegetables, light fare, trimmings, breads and matzohs, desserts, holiday dishes, and more. Introduction by food writer Mimi Sheraton. 2003.

Living with Rheumatoid Arthritis BR 15392

by Tammi L. Shlotzhauer and James L. McGuire

3 volumes

A description of the physical, practical, and emotional aspects of rheumatoid arthritis. Provides patients and caregivers the knowledge to better communicate with medical profession-

als. Includes information on coping strategies, exercise and rehabilitation, medications, alternative and complementary therapies, pregnancy and childbirth, and financial matters such as disability benefits, insurance, and possible tax deductions. 2003.

The South Beach Diet: The Delicious, Doctor-Designed, Foolproof Plan for Fast and Healthy Weight Loss BR 15395

by Arthur Agatston

3 volumes

Description of a three-phase program developed by a Florida cardiologist to help his overweight patients. The plan involves eating the right carbohydrates and the right fats in order to correct the way the body reacts to foods that previously caused weight problems. Includes suggested menus and recipes. Bestseller. 2003.

Three Weeks with My Brother BR 15438

by Nicholas Sparks and Micah Sparks

3 volumes

A memoir chronicling the around-the-world adventure of author Nicholas Sparks and his brother, Micah, in 2003. Leaving wives and families at home, the brothers journeyed to Machu Picchu, Peru; India; and the Australian outback remarking on milestones in their lives, childhood remembrances, and truths about loss and hope. Bestseller. 2004.

**The South Beach Diet Cookbook
BR 15442**

by Arthur Agatston

3 volumes

Florida cardiologist's companion to his bestselling weight loss book, *The South Beach Diet* (BR 15395). Provides over two hundred recipes, each designated as phase one, two, or three of the diet. Includes healthy ideas for breakfast, soups, salads, side dishes, fish, poultry, meats, vegetarian meals, and more. Bestseller. 2004.

**St. Patrick of Ireland: A Biography
BR 15450**

by Philip Freeman

2 volumes

Life of St. Patrick based on his two surviving letters: one a defense of his work in Ireland, the other condemning a slave-raiding king and his pirates. Recounts Patrick's kidnapping by Irish pirates, years of slavery, escape, and eventual return to minister to the Irish people. Debunks many myths. 2004.

Job Search Handbook for People with Disabilities BR 15463

by Daniel J. Ryan

3 volumes

Comprehensive resource guide to career development for people with mental or physical disabilities. Helps prospective employees assess their strengths, locate job openings, prepare for interviews, organize resumes, utilize government programs, and negotiate the workplace. Includes a state-by-state list of employers who recruit and hire qualified disabled individuals. 2004.

Small Space Gardens BR 15476

by David Stevens

2 volumes

Suggestions from a landscape planner for the small city or country garden that is developed as an extension of the home. His recommendations include analyze existing plot, determine type of space desired, decide what to keep or discard, then design the project. 2003.

The Sea around Us BR 15487

by Rachel Carson

3 volumes

Commemorative edition of an award-winning classic. Eminent marine biologist, writer, and ecologist reveals the science and poetry of the world's oceans from their primeval beginnings billions of years ago to humankind's modern explorations. Includes a 2003 introduction by *Titanic* discoverer Robert Ballard. 1950.

The Pen Commandments: A Guide for the Beginning Writer BR 15501

by Steven Frank

2 volumes

Rules of good writing in a playful, informative guide for teens, parents, and students of all ages. Author, a longtime high school English teacher, gives solid basics of punctuation, grammar, style, sentence structure, composition, and topic choice along with suggestions, exercises, and examples. 2003.

Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation BR 15555

by Cokie Roberts

4 volumes

Political commentator and news analyst examines the role of Abigail Adams, Deborah Read Franklin, Martha

Washington, and other prominent colonial women in founding the United States. Discusses their work outside the domestic sphere to manage businesses, run plantations, and defend their homes in the absence of men. Bestseller. 2004.

Inventing a Nation: Washington, Adams, Jefferson BR 15557

by Gore Vidal
2 volumes

Novelist and playwright reflects on the Founding Fathers' attempts to shape a new government. Vidal cites historical documents to provide a human perspective of Washington, Jefferson, and Adams, including their personal styles and concerns, opinions of each other, and political feuds. Also examines the influences of Hamilton, Madison, and Franklin. 2003.

His Excellency: George Washington BR 15564

by Joseph J. Ellis
4 volumes

Author of *Founding Brothers* (BR 12931) delves into the life and times of America's first president. Uses personal papers and historical accounts to recreate the man who was a French and Indian War soldier, plantation owner, businessman, and savvy politician who forged a new nation. Bestseller. 2004.

The Anatomy of Hope: How People Prevail in the Face of Illness BR 15571

by Jerome Groopman
2 volumes

Physician and *New Yorker* staff writer draws on thirty years of medical experience and his own struggles with a debilitating back injury to explore the

"biology of hope." Presenting intimate portraits of former patients, Groopman investigates, in the mind-body connection, scientific evidence of emotions' contributions to recovery. 2004.

Miriam's Song: A Memoir BR 15575

by Mark Mathabane
3 volumes

Mark Mathabane describes in his sister Miriam's voice her coming of age as a poor black female in 1980s apartheid South Africa. Before leaving to study nursing in the United States, she endures an abusive and poor quality education. Depicts a resilient family. 2000.

The Lost Pet Chronicles: Adventures of a K-9 Cop Turned Pet Detective BR 15584

by Kat Albrecht
2 volumes

Former police officer recounts the establishment of a nonprofit pet-finding organization using her detective skills to rescue more than 1,800 lost animals. Reflects on memorable cases and describes her methods involving behavioral profiling, physical evidence, and, most important, her two special search dogs. 2004.

American Soldier BR 15611

by Tommy Franks
6 volumes

Retired army general and former commander in chief of U.S. Central Command recollects his childhood and decorated thirty-eight-year military career including service in Vietnam, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Provides an inside look

at the war on terror. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2004.

Before It Happens to You: A Breakthrough Program for Reversing or Preventing Heart Disease BR 15612

by Jonathan Sackner Bernstein

3 volumes

Physician discusses how to cut the risk of heart attack and stroke in half even without a change in diet or lifestyle.

Evaluates the latest available drugs that can prevent problems before they occur, and explains the interpretation of various diagnostic tests. 2004.

Gardening on Pavement, Tables, and Hard Surfaces BR 15618

by George Schenk

2 volumes

Step-by-step instructions for planting a garden directly on hard surfaces like stepping stones, parking grids, patio pavers, rocks, railings, stumps and logs, rooftops, and other impermeable platforms with only a few inches of soil. Covers plant selection, care, and maintenance as well as construction and design techniques. 2003.

Sand in My Bra and Other Misadventures: Funny Women Write from the Road; Travelers' Tales BR 15626

edited by Jennifer L. Leo

2 volumes

Twenty-eight tales by female travelers whose expeditions abroad went humorously awry. Among them are writer Michele Peterson, experiencing a bad hair day in Hong Kong; Christine Michaud, a Canadian trying to dress like Kuwaiti locals; and comedian Ellen Degeneres, who attempts to

conquer her fear of flying. Strong language. 2003.

Fire in the Heart: A Spiritual Guide for Teens BR 15627

by Deepak Chopra

1 volume

Noted Hindu author and physician uses his own youthful experiences to provide a plan for teens who are seeking their own spiritual paths. Answers universal philosophical questions and offers suggestions for improving relationships. For senior high readers. 2004.

Sam Patch, the Famous Jumper BR 15629

by Paul E. Johnson

3 volumes

Biography of working-class jump artist Sam Patch drawn from genealogical resources and town records. History professor tells how Patch, a mill spinner and drunk, became a folk hero after his 1827 jump in New Jersey and later a celebrity as the first Niagara Falls jumper in 1829. 2003.

Voices of War: Stories of Service from the Home Front and the Front Lines BR 15634

edited by Tom Wiener

3 volumes

Personal accounts of American soldiers and medical personnel active in World War I, World War II, the Korean and Vietnam wars, and the Persian Gulf conflicts. Extracts from interviews, letters, and diary entries collected by the Library of Congress Veterans History Project are grouped by themes: Answering the Call, Under Fire, Coming Home. 2004.

**Jim Wilson's Container Gardening
BR 15635**

by Jim Wilson

2 volumes

Former PBS *Victory Garden* host advises people who want to explore gardening in pots, troughs, and other vessels. Provides information on containers, soil mixtures, and plants, herbs, and vegetables appropriate for various locations and situations. Includes a condensed encyclopedia of plants adapted to container gardening. 2000.

Teen Knitting Club: Chill Out and Knit BR 15670

by Jennifer Wenger and

Carol Abrams

1 volume

Three longtime avid knitters offer learners information on materials, stitches, and common problems. Includes instructions for scarves, hats, bags, sweaters, one-day projects, and blankets. Also offers suggestions on starting a teen knitting club and on knitting for charity. For junior and senior high readers. 2004.

**Ambulance Girl: How I Saved Myself
by Becoming an EMT BR 15707**

by Jane Stern

2 volumes

Gourmet magazine writer tells how she overcame anxiety, depression, and middle-aged angst to become an emergency medical technician at a Connecticut volunteer fire company. Stern humorously reflects on her boot-camp training, hospital rotation, the fiasco of responding to her first call, and how in helping others she learned to help herself. 2003.

**Daughters of the Desert: Stories of
Remarkable Women from Christian,
Jewish, and Muslim Traditions**

BR 15736

by Claire Rudolf Murphy and

Sarah Conover

1 volume

Tales of mothers, daughters, believers, and seekers, based on verses from the Bible and the Qur'an. In "Return to Hadassah" Esther draws courage from her Jewish faith to reveal her true identity and ask her husband the king to save her people. For junior and senior high readers. 2003.

**The Blindness Revolution: Jernigan in
His Own Words BR 15781**

by James H. Omvig

6 volumes

Blindness activist and attorney examines the transformation of the Iowa Commission for the Blind by Dr. Kenneth Jernigan, a National Federation of the Blind leader. Describes Jernigan's reorganizing the service agency beginning in 1958 from its ineffective medical model to a civil-rights-based "empowerment" organization. 2005.

**Blind Justice: Jacobus tenBroek and
the Vision of Equality BR 15863**

by Floyd Matson

2 volumes

Biography of the founder of the National Federation of the Blind, written by friend and collaborator Matson. Tells how tenBroek (1911–1968), blinded at age seven, earned a law degree and became an advocate not only for blind people but for people with disabilities, poor people, and other minority groups. 2005.

Adult Fiction

Johnny Got His Gun BR 15448

by Dalton Trumbo

2 volumes

Classic antiwar novel presents the internal monologue of a young soldier maimed during World War I. Hospitalized Joe Bonham, drifting in and out of consciousness, is beset by past memories and present horrors. 1990 introduction by Vietnam veteran and author Ron Kovic. Violence, some descriptions of sex, and some strong language. 1939.

The Cradle Will Fall BR 15451

by Mary Higgins Clark

3 volumes

While hospitalized, New Jersey prosecutor Katie DeMaio spies from her window a man loading a woman's body into a car. Later, she helps medical examiner Richard Carroll investigate a questionable suicide. Richard suspects Edgar Highley—Katie's new doctor—and fears the worst when Katie disappears. Some violence and some strong language. 1980.

Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc BR 15498

by Mark Twain

4 volumes

Fictional biography of French heroine Saint Joan of Arc (1412–1431) told from the viewpoint of her page, secretary, and lifelong friend, Sieur Louis de Conte. Describes her early childhood, the “voices” that prompted her to aid the dauphin, the fight for Orleans, and her eventual capture, trial, and martyrdom. 1895.

Goodbye, Earl: A Bad Girl Creek Novel BR 15504

by Jo-Ann Mapson

3 volumes

Continuation of the lives and loves of four female friends following *Along Came Mary* (BR 14680). Beryl's Alaska boyfriend abruptly disappears; Phoebe contends with her willful five-year-old daughter in California; Ness nurses a friend dying of AIDS; and Nance suffers repeated miscarriages. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2004.

The Clarinet Polka BR 15545

by Keith Maillard

4 volumes

1969. Soldier Jimmy Koprowski returns to his blue-collar Polish American community, where a friend's death, a destructive affair, and alcohol aggravate his depression. Only when he falls in love with Janice, the clarinetist in his sister's polka band, does he discover the healing power of music and tradition. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2002.

For Better, for Worse BR 15559

by Carole Matthews

3 volumes

Josie Flynn, newly separated, flies to New York from London for her cousin Martha's wedding. En route she meets Matt Jarvis and agrees to get together with him in the city. Matt forgets, Josie's husband shows up, and the bride has an affair. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2000.

Red Tide BR 15569

by G.M. Ford

3 volumes

Seattle. While disgraced journalist Frank Corso attends ex-lover Meg Dougherty's photo exhibition, a terrorist releases a modified Ebola virus into a bus tunnel, killing 116 people. Police, firefighters, and federal officials race for answers. During the chaos Corso infiltrates the scene—and becomes a prime suspect. Violence and strong language. 2004.

Murder in Montparnasse: A Phryne Fisher Mystery BR 15573

by Kerry Greenwood

2 volumes

Australia, 1928. Bert and Cec, soldiers who unknowingly witnessed a murder in post-WWI Paris, appeal to Phryne Fisher to investigate the suspicious deaths of two comrades. Phryne confronts her own repressed memories as she proceeds with this assignment. Some explicit descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. 2002.

The Fox's Walk BR 15576

by Annabel Davis-Goff

3 volumes

During World War I, ten-year-old Alice Moore is left in County Waterford, Ireland, to live with relatives while her parents return to London. She gradually becomes aware of the nationalist movement as well as the dangers that threaten her aristocratic Protestant family with the outbreak of the civil war. 2003.

The Truth about Forever BR 15577

by Sarah Dessen

3 volumes

Macy suppresses sorrow for a year and a half after her father's death, but finally learns to grieve—and to live a little—on her summer job at a zany catering business. There she connects with Wes, whose mother has also died. Some strong language. For senior high readers. 2004.

Spindle's End BR 15579

by Robin McKinley

3 volumes

Evil fairy Pernicia curses a princess on the infant's naming day, but Katriona, a young fairy, whisks the baby away to raise as her own and evade Pernicia's vengeful powers. Based on the fairy tale "Sleeping Beauty." For junior and senior high and older readers. 2000.

Done for a Dime BR 15583

by David Corbett

3 volumes

When a legendary blues musician is murdered, his son, Toby, is a major suspect. As Rio Mirada detective Dennis Murchison investigates, it becomes apparent that the killing is only part of a larger, darker scheme centering around racism and mob activity. Strong language and some violence. 2003.

The Mrs. Dalloway Reader BR 15586

edited by Francine Prose

3 volumes

Selection of critical essays exploring the evolution and impact of Virginia Woolf's 1925 classic novel *Mrs. Dalloway* and the companion piece, "Mrs. Dalloway's Party." Includes the two works, Woolf's journal entries and

letters regarding the works' creation, and various writers' commentary. Includes editor's introduction. 2003.

Night Fall BR 15590

by Nelson DeMille

4 volumes

Antiterrorist agents John Corey and wife Kate Mayfield reopen the investigation of a Paris-bound jet's 1996 crash off the Long Island coast. They learn of an adulterous videotape made on the beach the night of the disaster and search for the couple. Violence and some descriptions of sex.

Bestseller. 2004.

Shoulder the Sky: A World War I Novel BR 15592

by Anne Perry

3 volumes

Chaplain Joseph Reavley from *No Graves as Yet* (BR 15128) journeys to the Flanders war front in 1915 to help the wounded. When a hated military correspondent is murdered, Reavley probes into the mystery of his own parents' deaths caused by the unknown "Peacemaker." Some violence. 2004.

The Coma BR 15607

by Alex Garland

1 volume

After being attacked on a subway train and left comatose, Carl regains consciousness—or at first he thinks he does—to a familiar but distorted life. He visits a friend and has a surprisingly pleasant affair with his secretary, but eventually fights to awaken from his dreamlike new reality. Some violence. 2004.

Vote for Larry BR 15616

by Janet Tashjian

2 volumes

After faking his death in *The Gospel according to Larry* (BR 13993), seventeen-year-old Josh "Larry" Swensen runs for president as the Peace Party's candidate to advocate for youth issues and to encourage voter turnout. He doesn't anticipate mudslinging and a love triangle. For senior high readers. 2004.

A Time Gone By BR 15617

by William Heffernan

3 volumes

While investigating the murder of a prominent NYC judge, rookie homicide detective Jake Downing has an affair with the judge's widow and knowingly sends the wrong man to the electric chair. Thirty years later, haunted by his decisions, Jake reopens the case. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2003.

Hot Biscuits: Eighteen Stories by Women and Men of the Ranching West BR 15623

edited by Max Evans and

Candy Moulton

2 volumes

A collection of short stories by cowboys and cowgirls of the "real working West." Diverse tales of ranch hands, a horse trainer, and even murder have a few themes in common: hard work, survival among the elements, and homemade biscuits. Includes Jimbo Brewer's Spur Award-winner, "The Old Man." 2002.

Tar Baby BR 15625

by Toni Morrison

3 volumes

Son, a black fugitive, invades the West Indian home of a retired millionaire, upsetting the racially diverse household. He captivates pampered Jadine, a black fashion model. Their ideologically complicated love affair plays out from the Caribbean to Manhattan.

2004 foreword by the author. Strong language. 1981.

Run if You Dare BR 15641

by Randy Powell

1 volume

Fifteen-year-old Gardner is shocked to discover that his beloved but recently unemployed father considers himself a failure and may leave the family.

Gardner seeks direction in his own life by joining the track team and renewing his friendship with an old girlfriend.

For junior and senior high readers. 2001.

Pocahontas BR 15679

by Joseph Bruchac

2 volumes

Jamestown colony, 1607. Alternating narratives of Pocahontas, a Powhatan chief's daughter, and captain John Smith reveal the alliance between Smith and his fellow English settlers and the native Indian population. Portrays the cultural misunderstandings that arose during their encounters. For junior and senior high readers. 2003.

The Night Country BR 15681

by Stewart O'Nan

2 volumes

One year ago on Halloween, a car carrying five Connecticut teenagers slammed into a tree. Two survived—

Tim, physically unharmed, and Kyle, left severely brain-damaged. As the anniversary of the crash approaches, Toe, Danielle, and Marco return to haunt the living. Strong language, some descriptions of sex, and some violence. 2003.

Desperadoes BR 15682

edited by Ed Gorman and Martin H. Greenberg

2 volumes

A collection of seventeen short westerns about men in trouble—gamblers, outlaws, miners, and lawmen—some victims of circumstance, others because of their own doing. Includes Louis L'Amour's "The Town No Guns Could Tame" as well as works by Loren D. Estleman, Bill Pronzini, Bill Gulick, and others. 2001.

The Presence BR 15701

by Eve Bunting

1 volume

On a trip to California to visit her grandmother, seventeen-year-old Catherine meets a mysterious stranger at church. Noah claims he can help her contact a friend who died in a car crash for which Catherine feels responsible. But Noah turns out to be a ghost. For senior high readers. 2003.

Bright Eyes BR 15705

by Catherine Anderson

3 volumes

Natalie Patterson's son Chad vandalizes neighbor Zeke Coulter's property. Since she can't pay for the damages, Zeke allows Chad to work off the debt. Zeke soon becomes attracted to the entire family. Sequel to *Blue Skies* (BR 15389). Strong language and

some explicit descriptions of sex.
2004.

The Prince of Beverly Hills: A Rick Barron Book BR 15709

by Stuart Woods

2 volumes

Beverly Hills cop Rick Barron saves movie star Clete Barrow from unwanted publicity after a deadly traffic accident. This good deed lands Barron a security position at Barrow's studio. The cop squires around actors and starlets and soon gets involved with gangster Bugsy Siegel. Violence and strong language. 2004.

Her Name Was Lola BR 15717

by Russell Hoban

2 volumes

Thirty-nine-year-old Max Lesser, struggling novelist and children's book author, meets his "destiny woman,"

beautiful, leggy Lola Bessington. Soon after, flirtatious Lula Mae Flowers distracts Max's attention, and in the ensuing drama he loses both women. Five years later a strange course of events again twists Max's fate. Some strong language. 2003.

The Tyrant's Novel BR 15740

by Thomas Keneally

2 volumes

In a nameless totalitarian desert country, camp detainee Alan Sheriff recounts his misfortunes. The country's dictator, dubbed Great Uncle, commands Sheriff, under contract with an American publisher, to ghostwrite a polemic novel denouncing international sanctions on this country, throwing Sheriff into political conflict and personal danger. Strong language. 2004.

Books for Children

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

Children's Nonfiction

Tentacles! Tales of the Giant Squid BR 15606

by Shirley Raye Redmond

1 volume

An introduction to giant squids describing their physical characteristics and behavior. Also discusses some

myths that have developed about them. For grades K-3. 2003.

Manatees: Returning Wildlife BR 15638

by John E. Becker

1 volume

Describes the physical characteristics, behavior, and history of the manatee, an endangered marine mammal that is found in the Americas and Africa. Discusses attempts to ensure the survival of this species in the natural world. For grades 4-7. 2003.

Baseball's Boneheads, Bad Boys, and Just Plain Crazy Guys BR 15710

by George Sullivan

1 volume

Profiles professional baseball players known for their quirky superstitions, pranks, and outrageous or illegal play. For grades 6-9. 2003.

Lincoln: A Photobiography BR 15711

by Russell Freedman

1 volume

Biography of sixteenth U.S. president. Describes his rise from humble beginnings in rural Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois to become a self-educated lawyer, state representative, and, in 1860, president. Highlights Lincoln's Civil War leadership before his 1865 assassination. For grades 4-7 and older readers. Newbery Medal. 1987.

A Visit to William Blake's Inn: Poems for Innocent and Experienced

Travelers BR 15718

by Nancy Willard

1 volume

A collection of magical poems about life at an imaginary inn staffed by two dragons, two angels, and a rabbit who shows many curious visitors to their rooms, including a man in a marmalade hat and the king of cats. For grades 2-4 and older readers. Newbery Medal. 1980.

How Animal Babies Stay Safe BR 15738

by Mary Ann Fraser

1 volume

Describes how animal babies are cared for by their parents and their own instincts. Includes facts about certain species and tips on what to do if a wild

one is found. Easy reader. For grades 2-4. 2002.

Cowboys on the Western Trail: The Cattle Drive Adventures of Josh McNabb and Davy Bartlett BR 15741

by Eric Oatman

1 volume

Teenagers Josh, who is black, and Davy, who is white, help on a cattle drive in 1877. The boys keep journals and send letters about their dangerous experiences along the way. Uncontracted braille. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 2004.

What Is the World Made Of? All about Solids, Liquids, and Gases BR 15749

by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld

1 volume

Introduces the three states of matter—solid, liquid, and gas—and describes their attributes. Gives examples and three related simple science activities. Easy reader. For grades 2-4. 1998.

Children's Fiction

Hitty: Her First Hundred Years BR 15452

by Rachel Field

2 volumes

Hitty, no ordinary doll, was carved from a block of wood for Phoebe, a little girl who took her toy everywhere. Hitty, now securely perched in a window of an antiques shop, recalls her adventuresome life on land and sea. For grades 4-7 and older readers. Newbery Medal. 1929.

Ginger Pye BR 15556

by Eleanor Estes

2 volumes

Ten-year-old Jerry Pye and his younger sister Rachel get a new puppy and name him Ginger. When Ginger disappears, the adventurous children set out to find him. They suspect the little dog has been spirited away by a mysterious stranger wearing a yellow hat. For grades 3-6. Newbery Medal. 1951.

Storm Catchers BR 15558

by Tim Bowler

2 volumes

Cornwall, England. Thirteen-year-old Ella is kidnapped and held in a cave after her older brother Fin leaves her and their three-year-old brother home alone. As his parents deal with the kidnapper's demands, Fin begins his own investigation and uncovers a deadly family secret. For grades 6-9. 2001.

The People of Sparks BR 15562

by Jeanne DuPrau

2 volumes

Lina and Doon from *The City of Ember* (BR 15120) help relocate fellow underground Ember inhabitants to the surface town of Sparks. At first residents of Sparks and Ember share food and shelter. But when resources become scarce, the two groups begin to fight. For grades 5-8. 2004.

The Hero and the Crown BR 15580

by Robin McKinley

2 volumes

With a wizard's guidance and the blue sword's help, young Aerin fights to claim her birthright as daughter of a king and a witch from the mysterious, demon-haunted north. For grades 6-9

and older readers. Newbery Medal. 1984.

The Blue Sword BR 15581

by Robin McKinley

3 volumes

Harry lives a boring, sheltered life in remote Daria until she is kidnapped by a mysterious king and discovers her destiny to carry the magical, legendary blue sword. Sequel to *The Hero and the Crown* (BR 15580). For grades 6-9 and older readers. Newbery Honor Book. 1982.

Hurricane: Open Seas, 1844 BR 15585

by K. Duey and

K.A. Bale

1 volume

Thirteen-year-old Rebecca and her family sail for four years on the high seas with their father, the captain of a whaling ship. John Lowe is also on board working off a family debt. Together John and Rebecca survive a whale hunt and a hurricane. For grades 5-8. 1999.

Uncommon Faith BR 15595

by Trudy Krisher

2 volumes

Millbrook, Massachusetts; 1837.

Townpeople lament the tragic fire that killed and injured many residents. Meanwhile fourteen-year-old minister's daughter Faith Common, outspoken in her views of abolition and women's rights, provokes reactions of either outrage or admiration. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2003.

Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm

BR 15630

by Kate Douglas Wiggin

2 volumes

High-spirited Rebecca leaves her widowed mother and six siblings at Sunnybrook Farm to live with her two spinster aunts in Riverboro. She brings zest and grace into their gloomy home and dull lives. For grades 3-6. 1903.

God Went to Beauty School BR 15645

by Cynthia Rylant

1 volume

Lighthearted but thought-provoking poems depicting God's exploration of the wonders and pains in the world He created. Curious about everyday human activity, God gets a dog, goes to the doctor, sees a movie, finds a job, takes a bath, and even experiences death. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2003.

Messenger BR 15675

by Lois Lowry

1 volume

Teenage Matty lives with blind Seer in Village, the utopia from *Giver* (BR 9626) and *Gathering Blue* (BR 15631). When the changing community wants to close itself to outsiders, Matty journeys through hostile forests to save Village's founding principles. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 2004. 2004.

The Tears of the Salamander

BR 15676

by Peter Dickinson

2 volumes

Italy, 1700s. Twelve-year-old choirboy Alfredo loses his family in a fire and goes to live with his uncle Giorgio. He discovers that his uncle controls the

fires of Mt. Etna in Sicily, is a sorcerer, and has sinister plans for Alfredo. For grades 6-9. 2003.

Betrayal at Cross Creek: American Girl History Mysteries BR 15678

by Kathleen Ernst

1 volume

North Carolina, 1775. Twelve-year-old Elspeth and her grandparents, Scottish refugees, feel torn between the warring English loyalists and the colonists. After a cousin is killed and her grandfather is arrested, Elspeth must unmask the spy in the family. For grades 4-7. 2004.

The Cricket in Times Square

BR 15680

by George Selden

1 volume

Lost in New York City, musical country cricket Chester befriends a cat, a streetwise mouse, and young Mario, whose father owns a newsstand in the Times Square subway station. While dreaming of home Chester turns the stand into a concert hall to help the family business. For grades 3-6. Newbery Honor Book. 1960.

Dog Days BR 15686

by David Lubar

1 volume

Larry's summer goals include playing baseball and caring for his collection of stray dogs. These plans change when his younger brother, Paul, is frightened by an alley dog and the cost of pet food goes up. By helping Paul, Larry solves his own problems. For grades 3-6. 2004.

How I Found the Strong: A Civil War Story BR 15690

by Margaret McMullan

1 volume

Ten-year-old Frank Russell wishes he could join his father and older brother and fight with the Confederate Army. But hardships at home test his courage plenty and change his thinking about warfare and slavery. Some violence and some strong language. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 2004.

Jess and the Stinky Cowboys BR 15703

by Janice Lee Smith

1 volume

When some smelly cowboys who refuse to bathe come to town while the sheriff is away, young Deputy Jess and Deputy Gussy, her aunt, must find a way to enforce the no-stink law. Beginning chapter book. For grades K-3. 2004.

Evangeline Mudd and the Golden-Haired Apes of the Ikkinasti Jungle BR 15704

by David Elliott

1 volume

Nine-year-old Evangeline Mudd's parents, who study primates and raise her as one, travel to the jungle alone to observe apes. When they disappear, Evangeline joins Dr. Aphrodite Pikkaflée to rescue them from the clutches of a developer. For grades 3-6. 2004.

Dr. Jekyll, Orthodontist: The Zack Files BR 15712

by Dan Greenburg

1 volume

While ten-year-old Zack is being treated by Dr. Jekyll, the orthodontist

undergoes a strange transformation into a growling monster and Zack's teeth become more crooked. Zack and his dad decide to investigate the doctor's office. For grades 3-6. 1997.

Born Too Short: The Confessions of an Eighth-Grade Basket Case BR 15713

by Dan Elish

1 volume

Matt, a short nerd, is envious of his best friend, Keith, who is five inches taller and a stud/athlete with plenty of girlfriends. But Matt feels guilty when his luck improves and the bad luck he wished on Keith starts happening. For grades 6-9. 2002.

Indigo's Star BR 15737

by Hilary McKay

2 volumes

England. After a long illness, twelve-year-old Indigo returns to school filled with dread. Encouraged by his younger sister Rose, Indigo sticks up for an American boy who has replaced him as the primary target of school bullies. Sequel to *Saffy's Angel* (BR 14553). For grades 4-7. 2003.

Smoky the Cowhorse BR 15744

by Will James

2 volumes

The life of a spirited smoke-colored horse told in the cowboy vernacular. Follows Smoky's experiences from his birth on the open range and his capture by humans to working as an outlaw rodeo star and saddle horse. For grades 6-9. Newbery Medal. 1926.

Winter of the Ice Wizard: Magic Tree House, Book 32 BR 15745

by Mary Pope Osborne

1 volume

Jack and Annie travel with Teddy and Kathleen to the snowy Land-Behind-the-Clouds to retrieve Merlin's Staff of Strength. But the Ice Wizard has already captured Merlin and Morgan and possesses the staff. The Wizard will only exchange them for his missing eye. For grades 2-4. 2004.

The Ironwood Tree: The Spiderwick Chronicles, Book 4 BR 15746

by Tony DiTerlizzi and

Holly Black

1 volume

Following their adventures in *Lucinda's Secret* (BR 15436), twins Jared and Simon Grace seek to rescue their kidnapped sister, Mallory, from some evil dwarfs who want to make her their queen. The boys face an impossible task when the Field Guide is discovered missing. For grades 2-4. 2004.

Ninety-five Pounds of Hope BR 15747

by Anna Gavalda

1 volume

France. Thirteen-year-old Gregory hates school and finally is expelled as a repeat sixth-grader. Gregory hopes to use the woodworking skills he learned from his Grandpa Leon to succeed at a new technical school. For grades 5-8. 2002.

Inside Grandad BR 15748

by Peter Dickinson

1 volume

Scotland. Eleven-year-old Gavin tries to enlist the help of selkies (seal people) to communicate with his grand-

father, who is left in a coma after a stroke. Gavin spends time at the hospital with his family, willing his grandad to live. For grades 5-8. 2004.

Snap BR 15755

by Alison McGhee

1 volume

To help herself get through difficult situations, eleven-year-old Edwina "Eddie" snaps rubber bands on her wrists. During summer vacation, her best friend, Sally, faces the death of the grandmother who raised her and uncertainties about her own future. But with Eddie, Sally learns to cope. For grades 4-7. 2004.

Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

Boys' Life (for children and teens, monthly)
Braille Book Review (bimonthly)
Braille Chess Magazine (British quarterly)
Braille Music Magazine (British monthly)
Conundrum (British monthly)
Cooking Light (10 issues)
ESPN: The Magazine (biweekly)
Harper's (literary; monthly)
Health Newsletters (includes **Harvard Health Letter**, **Mayo Clinic Health Letter**, and **University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter**; monthly)
Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine (monthly)
Ladies' Home Journal (monthly)
Martha Stewart Living (home and entertaining; 10 issues)
Muse (for children; 10 issues)
The Musical Mainstream (quarterly)
National Geographic (monthly)
The New York Times Large Type Weekly (weekly)
News (NLS quarterly)
Parenting (monthly except January and July)
PC World (personal computing; monthly)
Playboy (monthly)
Poetry (11 issues)

Popular Communications (monthly)
Popular Mechanics (monthly)
Popular Music Lead Sheets (irregular)
Rolling Stone (popular culture; 24 issues)
Science News (weekly)
Seventeen (for teens, monthly)
Short Stories (British monthly)
Spider: The Magazine for Children (monthly)
Stone Soup (children's writings; 5 issues)
Update (NLS quarterly)
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In Brief

The following information is reprinted from two issues of *NLS Flash*, a newsletter created to bring current information on NLS progress in digital technology to patrons, library staff, and other interested individuals.

Flash, August 2006, volume 2, issue 9

Digital project contracts require a coordinator to monitor all angles

A challenging project such as the digital transition undertaken by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), Library of Congress, requires multiple levels of expertise in order to succeed. NLS has assembled top talent across technical specialties in addition to its own digital team. With the number of contractors involved in a project of this magnitude, NLS relies on its digital contracts coordinator, Alice Baker, to keep the lines of communication open.

“Building a digital talking-book system requires specific technical and engineering expertise. For that reason, we have contracted various experts in the field of accessible technology to assist in transitioning to a digital collection,” says Frank Kurt Cylke, NLS director. “It’s important that NLS work closely with contractors to ensure that projects proceed on schedule and meet goals.”

Battelle, a leading technology innovation firm, has been contracted to manage the design and development of the digital talking-book player and media. Battelle has subcontracted with HumanWare, innovators in digital talking-book technol-

ogy, to support them in designing the DTB player's software as well as coordinating usability tests associated with the digital project. Battelle also turned to the University of Wisconsin's Trace Research and Development Center for their expertise in accessibility issues specific to physically handicapped people. The National Federation of the Blind is another subcontractor involved in user needs and product usability testing. Their expertise in the field of assistive-technology product development has proven very useful in the design process.

ManTech Advanced Systems International, another member of the NLS contractor team, has focused on the development of strategic plans related to distributing DTBs. The company conducted a distribution system study examining the best means of circulating digital talking books. The study concluded that a hybrid system of mass production and duplication on demand would work best gradually implemented.

To complement NLS's talented engineering department, NLS summoned Dr. Donald L. Pieper out of retirement. As the research and development director at the global, broad-based healthcare company Abbott Laboratories, Pieper oversaw the development and production of an innovative glucose monitoring system known as FreeStyle and FreeStyle Flash. Now NLS is relying on his expertise for a variety of technical issues, including how to transition the DTB player from design to mass production.

While each contractor and subcontractor works on separate pieces of the digital project, their work is of equal importance

to the overall goal of developing a top-quality digital talking-book system.

Keeping the trains running

With so much work compressed into a short period of time, it is important to keep projects running on schedule so that NLS meets its 2008 goal. Baker oversees and coordinates contractor assignments. Her job is to ensure that they plan adequately, deliver high-quality work, and meet deadlines. Often, she facilitates the flow of information between various project teams enabling projects to move smoothly, dovetailing where necessary.

"I get contractors the information they need and I help them prioritize. But much of my work involves coordinating decisions and ensuring that things get done," notes Baker. "It's gratifying work because it's helping to build a digital talking-book system that will satisfy the information and recreational needs of many thousands of blind and physically handicapped readers for many years."

Keeping track of the various activities assigned to contractors and subcontractors and monitoring their workflow requires multitasking and organizational skill. It also involves a strategic understanding of the digital project's various, interrelated pieces and what is needed to move them forward. With a law degree from the University of Oregon School of Law, advanced courses in information sciences, and a wealth of contract management experience, Baker has the skill and determination to bring the project to fruition.

The successful completion of the digital talking-book system ultimately comes down to teamwork between NLS and its

contractors. The digital contract coordinator works hard to maintain strong working relationships between NLS and its outside experts.

Laying the groundwork

In addition to coordinating current efforts, the digital contracts coordinator must also lay the groundwork for future work. Currently, Baker and her colleagues are in the process of coordinating the writing of two requests for proposals (RFPs) to obtain contractors to manufacture the digital talking-book player and the cartridge.

The process involves identifying the right skills for the job and requires considerations from major concepts to minute details in constructing the RFP. Various teams are working together to write the draft, including staff from Battelle, the NLS digital team, the Library of Congress's contracting office, and the Office of General Counsel. Battelle must ensure that its designs for the player and cartridge are conveyed fully and exactly, and that all the issues involved in manufacturing the design are factored into the request.

"As we think about a new technology and moving toward the future, we need to exercise caution and do plenty of research to make sure that we find good craftsmen to build the digital system," says Baker.

Flash, September 2006, volume 2, issue 10

NLS completes preliminary design review of player, cartridge, and mailing containers

Good design is often the result of good planning and evaluation. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), Library of Congress, has gone to great lengths to ensure its designs for the digital talking-book player and cartridge and their mailing containers are fully functional when built. One major component of this ongoing effort is the preliminary design review, during which NLS evaluates all design components to be sure that they meet the requirements for usability, portability, and durability. This review is necessary before the testing and analysis of functional prototypes can begin. During the June 2006 review, NLS approved all system designs and granted permission to move forward with functional prototypes.

"NLS is pleased to have successfully completed the preliminary design review," says NLS director Frank Kurt Cylke. "This is an exciting development that indicates the design process is on target and that we are prepared to develop functional prototypes, advancing NLS closer to realizing a fully digitized talking-book program in 2008."

Design review

The review team included NLS staff and representatives from Battelle and

HumanWare. Throughout the review process, all worked to ensure that designs translate into functional prototypes that operate correctly and are user-friendly.

To that end, NLS examined a variety of issues during the review, such as usability. The team evaluated cartridge design for ease of handling and insertion and they assessed the adequacy of the print/braille labeling. Tactility and shape of the player's buttons, and other markings were also examined.

When analyzing designs for the mailing containers, the team demanded plans that would allow for the production of prototypes capable of withstanding extreme temperature and other adverse conditions caused by shipping, weather, and other uncontrolled situations.

The preliminary design review follows multiple rounds of user needs testing, patron usability testing, and refinements to the DTB system.

NLS digital contracts coordinator Alice Baker is pleased that the review was successful and that the designs were satisfactory and on target. "All the hard work and months of effort have yielded a design that can be built and tested with confidence."

Moving forward

With the design review complete, NLS moves forward with the next stage of the process: production of functional prototypes. Battelle is currently charged with the task of manufacturing prototypes for 50 players, 90 cartridges, and 150 cartridge containers.

During this multiple-phase process, engineers will finalize the design drawings and build the prototypes. At the same

time, they will test player circuit boards, USB connectors, and speaker components to determine which will work best.

To assess durability, prototypes will be tested in simulated real-world scenarios. They will be dropped from varying heights onto a range of surfaces, scratched, spilled on, and subjected to temperature extremes—all to ensure that the equipment will be able to withstand daily wear and tear when they come off the production line. Other prototypes will be treated more gently, tested in the less extreme conditions of patrons' homes.

NLS expects to receive the first prototypes in September, but the pre-production stage of the design process does not commence until November, when—after more usability testing—NLS will be fully prepared to conduct the critical final design review. This is the last review prior to building preproduction prototypes.

Roadmap to functional prototypes

Contractor's checklist

Week of August 21

- Begin building functional prototypes
- Submit usability test script and take-home test questionnaire to NLS
- Send final playback device and cartridge specifications to NLS
- NLS provides HumanWare with books for quality assurance (QA) testing and software development

Week of August 28

- Begin building functional prototypes for usability testing

- Receive NLS approval of usability test script and take-home test questionnaire software
- Begin planning for vendor review of functional prototypes
- Draft technical data package information complete

Week of September 4

- Send draft technical data package information to NLS
- Complete 14 functional prototypes for usability testing
- Start usability tests of the functional prototypes
- Submit QA test plan for functional prototypes to NLS

Week of September 11

- Begin library usability testing at Rocky Hill, Connecticut, regional library
- Deliver two functional prototypes to NLS to support Audio Equipment Advisory Committee meeting on September 13
- Begin engineering testing of functional prototypes
- Receive NLS approval of QA test plan for functional prototypes

Week of September 18

- Begin functional prototype QA testing of functional prototypes
- Receive final power supplies and incorporate into units
- Deliver remaining 18 functional prototypes to NLS

Week of September 25

- Quarterly review in Montreal
- Presentation of usability report

Week of October 2

- Meeting with potential DTB player manufacturers at NLS

Week of October 9

- Continue software testing

Week of October 16

- NLS provides manufacturer comments for inclusion in the draft technical data package

NLS progress review

Following a review of ongoing digital efforts, the inspector general, Library of Congress, issued the remarks below on August 23, 2006.

Our survey revealed that NLS is effectively managing its plans to:

- develop a digital playback machine and related equipment,
- test and validate the new playback machine throughout its evolution from design to full production, and
- produce 20,000 talking-book titles in digital format by the time the new playback machine becomes available in FY 2008.

Digital Talking Book (DTB) Milestones

Completed

- Defined and prioritized DTB features
- Coordinated development and publication of *Specifications for the Digital Talking Book* (ANSI/NISO Z39.86)
- Simulated a DTB player using a personal computer
- Developed a computer-based, life-cycle

cost analysis (LCC) model for the NLS system and for candidate digital systems

- Developed computer software for DTB production and presentation
- Developed software to test conformance of players and DTBs with the ANSI/NISO standard
- User survey
- Player transition study
- Distribution flash cartridge study
- Player and flash cartridge contract awarded
- Distribution system design contract awarded
- Distribution system design contract Phase I, II
- Preliminary design review
- Player and flash cartridge developed
- Designed DTB containers and labels

Start 1/12/04–Finish 10/1/08

The following ongoing projects, set to conclude in 2008, are shown with start dates in parentheses.

- Web-Magazine pilot (1/12/04)
- Digital data management system development (11/1/04)
- Design DTB containers and labels (6/1/05)
- Web-Book pilot (6/1/05)
- Distribution system implementation (10/1/06)
- Flash cartridge production (3/1/07)
- Flash cartridge duplication (5/1/07)
- Manufacture initial lot of DTB containers and labels (8/1/07)
- Full player production (9/1/07)

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Newsstand

The following announcement may be of interest to readers. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reserves the right to publish announcements selectively, as space permits. Items mentioned, however, are not part of the NLS program, and their listing does not imply endorsement.

Internet access by telephone

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Books for Adults

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Adult Nonfiction

Lyrics, 1962–2001 BR 15916

by Bob Dylan

4 volumes

Compilation of song lyrics from twenty-eight albums by the influential and sometimes cryptic singer-songwriter. Ranges from his first album, *Bob Dylan* (1962), through 2001's *Love and Theft*, with some additional material. 2004.

Extreme Weather: A Guide and Record Book BR 15936

by Christopher C. Burt

5 volumes

Meteorologist surveys the nature and history of extreme weather phenomena in the United States and abroad. Offers concise explanations of such climatic events as droughts, floods, thunderstorms, hail, tornadoes, hurricanes, and fog. Provides temperature and precipitation records for more than three hundred U.S. cities dating back to the 1800s. 2004.

Strength and Honor: The Life of Dolley Madison BR 15950

by Richard N. Côté

4 volumes

Uses primary sources to document the life of first lady Dolley Madison (1768–1849), from her Quaker youth to her death in genteel poverty. Traces the genealogy of her maternal family. Highlights her marriage to James Madison and roles as White House hostess and heroine of the War of 1812. 2005.

The Book Lover's Cookbook: Recipes Inspired by Celebrated Works of Literature and the Passages That Feature Them BR 15954

by Shaunda Kennedy Wenger and

Janet Kay Jensen

3 volumes

Nearly two hundred recipes cooked up, served, or mentioned in novels and works of nonfiction, interspersed with anecdotes about writers and writing. Includes “Behold! Ichabod’s Slapjacks,” John Grisham’s “Good Life Veal Piccata,” and “Mr. Wonka’s Strawberry-Flavored Chocolate-Coated Fudge.” 2003.

Bringing Up Baby: Three Steps to Making Good Decisions in Your Child's First Years BR 15961

by Claire Lerner and

Amy Laura Dombro

2 volumes

Professionals in childhood development offer a three-step program to help stressed parents develop self-awareness, tune into the child’s needs, and make responsive and sound decisions. They advise parents to analyze themselves, to realize that each youngster is

unique, and to expect no “cookie-cutter” solutions. 2005.

Beyond the Stony Mountains: Nature in the American West from Lewis and Clark to Today BR 15965

by Daniel B. Botkin

3 volumes

Ecologist retraces the footsteps of early-nineteenth-century explorers Lewis and Clark and compares the natural history they documented to its condition in the early twenty-first century. Describes environmental changes including the damming of rivers and the disappearance of ecosystems and wildlife species. 2004.

I Remember: Eighty Years of Black Entertainment, Big Bands, and the Blues; an Autobiography by Jazz Trombonist and Blues Singer Clyde E.B. Bernhardt BR 15967

by Clyde E.B. Bernhardt

3 volumes

African American musician’s recollections of his jazz and blues career that began in the 1920s. Describes his American and European tours with such prominent entertainers as Ella Fitzgerald, Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, and others. Some strong language. 1986.

Splendid Solution: Jonas Salk and the Conquest of Polio BR 15973

by Jeffrey Kluger

4 volumes

This history of the 1950s battle to develop a polio vaccine focuses on Jonas Salk’s successful dead-virus inoculation. Discusses social effects of infantile paralysis from 1916 to mid century, the controversy over live-virus vaccines, Walter Winchell’s public de-

nouncement of Dr. Salk, and Salk’s 1954 vindication. 2004.

Love in the Lead: The Miracle of the Seeing Eye Dog BR 15981

by Peter Brock Putnam

2 volumes

History of The Seeing Eye organization of Morristown, New Jersey, founded in 1929 for the education of blind individuals and guide dogs. Second edition adds information to the 1979 original on developments in the breeding, raising, and training of seeing eye dogs. 1997.

What if It’s Not Alzheimer’s? A Caregiver’s Guide to Dementia BR 16076

edited by Lisa Radin and

Gary Radin

3 volumes

Manual by medical professionals and caregivers on attending to patients with progressive, neurodegenerative brain disorders known as frontotemporal dementia (FTD). Doctors explain medical facts, research, and therapeutic and rehabilitation interventions. Caregivers discuss managing daily aid, socialization, nursing homes, and financial and legal concerns. 2003.

The Essential Neruda: Selected Poems/Neruda Escencial: Selección de Poemas BR 16083

by Pablo Neruda

2 volumes

Fifty verses by Nobel Prize-winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda (1904–1973), spanning the breadth of his style, themes, and periods. Collaborative effort of scholars, translators, and poets includes selections from major works published between 1924 and

1964 and posthumously. Edited with an introduction by Mark Eisner. In English and Spanish. (Presenta cincuenta poemas del famoso poeta chileno (1904–1973) ganador del Premio Nobel. Los poemas, seleccionados y redactados por poetas, escolares y traductores, reflejan el estilo y los temas de toda la obra de Neruda que sale entre 1924 y 1964, incluso dos obras póstumas. Edición bilingüe con introducción en inglés y los poemas en español e inglés.) 2004.

Caring for Your Parents: The Complete AARP Guide BR 16115

by Hugh Delehanty and Elinor Ginzler
3 volumes

AARP's advice for middle-aged people on assisting one's aging parents. Subjects include communicating about issues, advocating on health and legal care, determining financial status, finding caregivers and suitable living arrangements, and, eventually, letting go and grieving. Includes resources.

Foreword by Mary Pipher. 2005.

My Soul Looks Back in Wonder: Voices of the Civil Rights Experience BR 16117

by Juan Williams
2 volumes

Thirty-three oral histories of individuals transformed by the civil rights movement. Includes memoirs of African Americans struggling for integration and activists fighting for the rights of Latinos, Asians, gays, and people with disabilities. Foreword by David Halberstam. Afterword by Marian Wright Edelman. Strong language. 2004.

Pope Benedict XVI: A Biography of Joseph Ratzinger BR 16163

by John L. Allen Jr.
4 volumes

Biography of the German pope, born Joseph Ratzinger in 1927. Journalist for the *National Catholic Reporter* traces Ratzinger's rise to prominence as a cardinal during the Second Vatican Council. Uses documents to outline the pope's conservative theological views on controversial subjects. First published as *Cardinal Ratzinger*. 2000.

John Jay: Founding Father BR 16167

by Walter Stahr
6 volumes

Biography of American diplomat and coauthor of *The Federalist Papers* (RC 26691). Chronicles Jay's personal life and political life that included stints as president of the Continental Congress, chief justice of the Supreme Court, secretary for foreign affairs, governor of New York, and president of the American Bible Society. 2005.

Man with Farm Seeks Woman with Tractor: The Best and Worst Personal Ads of All Time BR 16179

by Laura Schaefer
1 volume

Writer for an online matchmaking web site presents personal advertisements spanning three centuries by men and women seeking romantic connections. Some postings from U.S. and U.K. publications and the Internet are included "for their humor, their uniqueness, or their poignancy" while others, she admits, "are just plain strange." 2005.

A Briefer History of Time BR 16183

by Stephen Hawking and
Leonard Mlodinow

2 volumes

An updated and more accessible version of *A Brief History of Time* (RC 26996). Emphasizes the concept of a dynamic cosmos, incorporating scientific knowledge from research and space exploration—by the Hubble Space telescope and satellites—not available in the 1988 publication. 2005.

Being Perfect BR 16185

by Anna Quindlen

1 volume

Brief essay in which Quindlen advises individuals to give up seeking perfection and work on realizing their uniqueness. Recommends that one look inside, see one's true self, and listen to the small voice that says it is never too late to pursue fulfillment. 2005.

Dr. Fisher's Life on the Ark: Green Alligators, Bushman, and Other "Hare-Raising Tales" from America's Most Popular Zoo and around the World BR 16188

by Lester E. Fisher

2 volumes

Retired veterinarian and director of Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo recalls safari adventures in India, Papua New Guinea, Africa, and Iceland. Describes personal encounters with wildlife, such as pulling a jaguar's tooth, crawling under an elephant's belly to avoid injury, and chasing an escaped gorilla. 2005.

The Power of a Positive Teen BR 16195

by Karol Ladd, Grace Ladd, and
Joy Ladd

2 volumes

A Christian mother and her two daughters turn to the Scriptures for guidance on growing up. Focusing on principles of confidence, responsibility, relationships, faith, attitude, courage, and integrity they demonstrate ways teens can make positive choices in their lives. Includes Bible passages. For senior high and older readers. 2005.

Mexifornia: A State of Becoming BR 16198

by Victor Davis Hanson

2 volumes

Classics professor and fifth-generation California farmer cautions that illegal immigration will lead to social collapse in the American Southwest and calls for reforms. Decries the plight of Mexican laborers, their lack of assimilation, the drain on U.S. social services, and other problems generated by misguided political policies. 2003.

Saint Augustine's *Confessiones*, Book 8 BR 16202

translated by Garry Wills

1 volume

Book eight of Augustine's fourth-century *Confessiones*, the work's most cited and well-known volume, recalls his conversion in the garden. Explores the nature of religious conversion. Translation and commentary by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Garry Wills. 2004.

Runaway American Dream: Listening to Bruce Springsteen BR 16203

by Jimmy Guterman

2 volumes

Seven essays analyze the music of New Jersey rock musician Bruce Springsteen. Presents a song-by-song comparison of recordings and concert tours from the 1970s through 2004. Discusses band members, lovers and wives, and the commercial enterprises of the singer. 2005.

Revised Standards and Guidelines of Service for the Library of Congress Network of Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped BR 16204

by Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies

1 volume

Describes service standards that apply to Library of Congress network libraries for blind and physically handicapped individuals. Offers guidelines for direct patron contact, lending, outreach, and production of web sites and reading materials. Also addresses consultants, volunteers, administration, budgeting, policies and procedures, reports, and research and development. 2005.

Wrestling Strength: Dare to Excel BR 16212

by Matt Brzycki

1 volume

Professional athletic trainer explains basic training for wrestlers including the order of exercise, free weights, weight machines, the number of sets, and recovery time. Discusses nutrition, diets, and fads. Includes resources. For senior high and older readers. 2004.

Replaceable You: Engineering the Body in Postwar America BR 16264

by David Serlin

3 volumes

Discusses the impact of medical developments—hormone treatments, plastic surgery, prosthetic devices, and sexual reassignment—on the human body and national psyche in 1950s America. Presents a sociocultural analysis of the postwar era using case studies of war veteran amputees, female survivors of Hiroshima, a transgendered GI, and a lesbian entertainer. 2004.

A Treasury of Deception: Liars, Misleaders, Hoodwinkers, and the Extraordinary True Stories of History's Greatest Hoaxes, Fakes, and Frauds BR 16268

by Michael Farquhar

2 volumes

Compendium of cons throughout history. Describes charlatans such as Nostradamus, misrepresentations perpetrated by the media, wartime ruses, state-sponsored deceptions, scientific and literary frauds, lies that have had catastrophic consequences, royal impersonators, and great escapes. 2005.

Happiness: The Science behind Your Smile BR 16269

by Daniel Nettle

2 volumes

British psychologist explores the science of hedonics—the study of pleasure. Reviews past research; addresses the basics of human nature, the brain, and emotions, and discusses the concept, levels, and attainment of happiness. 2005.

**How to Avoid Falling: A Guide for Active Aging and Independence
BR 16281**

by Eric Fredrikson

1 volume

Accident avoidance specialist offers a guide to preventing falls—the leading cause of injuries to U.S. seniors. Provides information on fall-proofing the home; negotiating stairs; avoiding hazards such as escalators, uneven sidewalks, and ice; choosing a cane or walker; and recovering after a fall. Includes exercises and useful web sites. 2004.

One Hundred Great Poems of the Twentieth Century BR 16292

edited by Mark Strand

2 volumes

Pulitzer Prize winner and former poet laureate of the United States Mark Strand presents poems that he has “continued to feel strongly about over the years.” Most were written by poets born before 1927 and represent Europe and North and South America. 2005.

Fast Food My Way BR 16295

by Jacques Pépin

2 volumes

French-born and -trained chef offers recipes for simple cuisine that is not necessarily fast to prepare, but requires little work. Pépin admits to unhesitatingly turning to convenience foods, with which he creates easy yet elegant dishes. Includes menu suggestions and recipes from appetizers to main dishes and desserts. 2004.

Education and Rehabilitation for Empowerment BR 16367

by C. Edwin Vaughan and
James H. Omvig

2 volumes

The authors argue that the history of educational and rehabilitative services for blind people has condoned dependency. Provides an overview of the U.S. rehabilitation system during the twentieth century. Advocates for a positive philosophy toward blindness that includes empowerment, mobility, communication, and “blending in.” 2005.

Adult Fiction

Cracking India BR 9318

by Bapsi Sidhwa

3 volumes

Lenny, eight, worries about what is happening to her world in the affluent area of Lahore, India, in 1947. Lenny’s carefree days are spent with her ayah (nanny) and her parents, and in visits to her godmother, her aunt, and her aunt’s son. But those lighthearted times are quickly disappearing as tensions increase among Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, and Parsees. And when her ayah is kidnapped, Lenny’s life is never the same. Violence and strong language. 1991.

Pagan in Exile: The Pagan Chronicles, Book 2 BR 15985

by Catherine Jinks

2 volumes

Lord Roland and his squire, Pagan, travel from Jerusalem to Roland’s castle in France. Since Roland is a devout Christian, the de Bram family’s violent

feuds surprise Pagan. He fears losing his lord. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

**Sunstorm: A Time Odyssey, Book 2
BR 15986**

by Arthur C. Clarke and
Stephen Baxter

3 volumes

London, 2037. UN peacekeeper Bisesa Dutt, newly returned from an alternate Earth, faces catastrophe—within five years a massive solar flare will annihilate earthly life. Scientists race to construct a shield but discover the sunstorm is no natural disaster. Sequel to *Time's Eye* (BR 15420). Some descriptions of sex. 2005.

The Portrait BR 15987

by Iain Pears

2 volumes

Small island near Brittany, early 1900s. When famous British art critic William Naysmith visits Scottish artist Henry MacAlpine to sit for a portrait, he becomes captive to the artist's diatribe. The artist indicts the critic's ruthless use of power and gradually reveals a plan of vengeance. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. 2005.

The Hot Kid BR 16125

by Elmore Leonard

3 volumes

Oklahoma, 1930s. Young U.S. marshal Carlos "Carl" Webster loves chasing felons and savors the publicity. While searching for rich-boy-gone-bad Jack Belmont, Carl falls for gun moll Louly Brown. Hack writer Tony Antonelli tags along looking for new material. Violence, strong language,

and some descriptions of sex.

Bestseller. 2005.

**The Interruption of Everything
BR 16158**

by Terry McMillan

3 volumes

Bored African American forty-something Marilyn Grimes deals with a husband's midlife crisis, kids in college, a live-in mother-in-law, and her own mother showing signs of dementia. Marilyn, with the help and support of her friends, faces decisions about her future, including a possible pregnancy. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller. 2005.

The Plot against America BR 16161

by Philip Roth

4 volumes

In this alternative history, a young man—called Philip Roth—recounts his Jewish family's fears and humiliations when aviation hero Charles Lindbergh is victorious in the 1940 presidential election. The New Jersey Roths struggle as America, caught up in anti-Semitic fervor, descends into fascism. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2004.

Roughing It BR 16169

by Mark Twain

4 volumes

A humorous account loosely based on the celebrated author's life during the years 1861–1867. Mark Twain tries his hand at prospecting, speculating, laboring, and, more successfully, reporting. His exaggerated adventures take him across the frontier plains to California and then to Hawaii. 1962 foreword by Leonard Kriegel. 1872.

Dead Lines BR 16171

by Greg Bear

2 volumes

Los Angeles. Following his best friend's death, washed-up erotica director Peter Russell promotes a new high-tech communications device called Trans. After several chilling encounters—including one with his own murdered daughter—Peter realizes Trans may be a link to the dead. Strong language, some descriptions of sex, and some violence. 2004.

**Alice MacLeod, Realist at Last
BR 16178**

by Susan Juby

2 volumes

In this sequel to *Miss Smithers* (BR 15805), sixteen-year-old aspiring screenwriter Alice continues a journal describing her latest challenges: her boyfriend leaves for Scotland, her environmental activist mom goes on trial, and her depressed dad is out of work. Some strong language. For senior high readers. 2005.

A Good Yarn BR 16187

by Debbie Macomber

3 volumes

Yarn shop owner Lydia Hoffman has several people interested in her class on knitting socks: adults Elise and Bethanne and teenager Courtney. Each has her own personal problems, but in the knitting group they find companionship and comfort. Sequel to *The Shop on Blossom Street* (BR 15547). 2005.

Where I Want to Be BR 16189

by Adele Griffin

1 volume

Two teenage sisters, one alive and one deceased, reach out to each other, sharing their lives. Jane, from the grave, relates what happened when she stopped taking her medication for mental illness. Lily tells about finding happiness with her boyfriend, Caleb. For junior and senior high readers. 2005.

Cupidity BR 16199

by Caroline Goode

2 volumes

Senior Laura Sweeney, a mythology buff, prays to Jupiter for a boyfriend. The Roman gods at the Mount Olympus retirement home heed Laura's call and send Cupid disguised as a beautiful girl (Cupidity) to help Laura. Cupidity, however, causes more havoc than Laura can handle. For senior high readers. 2005.

One Sunday Morning BR 16207

by Amy Ephron

1 volume

1920s. When four New York socialites see young Lizzie Carswell leaving the Gramercy Park Hotel early Sunday morning, still in evening clothes and with someone else's fiancé, they agree to keep the incident to themselves. Lizzie and her peers must deal with the consequences when one of them talks. 2005.

Emako Blue BR 16211

by Brenda Woods

1 volume

Los Angeles. African American classmates Monterey, Jamal, and Eddie remember their friend Emako, who was

accidentally shot and killed. Having bonded with her through a mutual interest in singing, they reminisce about the talented vocalist. Some violence. For senior high readers. 2004.

No Shame, No Fear BR 16263

by Ann Turnbull

2 volumes

England, 1662. After her father is jailed for his religious beliefs, fifteen-year-old Susanna Thorn, a poor Quaker girl, becomes an apprentice printer in order to provide for her family. Susanna meets and falls in love with William Heywood, an Anglican, despite his father's objections. For senior high readers. 2003.

Stealing with Style: A Sterling Glass Novel BR 16265

by Emyle Jenkins

3 volumes

Virginia antiques appraiser Sterling Glass becomes suspicious when a nineteenth-century silver urn and diamond brooch surface among the effects of an elderly woman who recently died under questionable circumstances. On a business trip to New York, Sterling discovers an insurance claim that exposes schemes of crooked antiques dealers. 2005.

Blackbird House BR 16267

by Alice Hoffman

2 volumes

Twelve interconnected stories spanning two hundred years about the inhabitants of a Cape Cod farmhouse. Sailor John Hadley builds the home for his family before he perishes at sea. Successive generations face fear, love, and the forces of nature. Some descrip-

tions of sex and some strong language. 2004.

Two of a Kind BR 16271

by Nora Roberts

2 volumes

Two tales of summer love. In "Impulse," ever-practical CPA Rebecca Malone sells everything she owns and heads to Greece to see what life has to offer. In "The Best Mistake," a single mother takes in a male tenant, perhaps the best mistake she ever made. Explicit descriptions of sex. 1989.

Norman Tuttle on the Last Frontier:

A Novel in Stories BR 16273

by Tom Bodett

1 volume

Fifteen short episodes follow Alaskan teen Norman Tuttle from age thirteen to almost sixteen. Living in a small town, Norman has adventures fishing, falling in love, and being grounded by his parents. For junior and senior high readers. 2004.

Lighthousekeeping BR 16285

by Jeanette Winterson

1 volume

The young orphan girl Silver learns the value of stories while apprenticed to Pew, a blind lighthouse keeper at Cape Wrath, Scotland. Among Pew's tales are the deeds of the double-natured minister Babel Dark, aka Lux, who inspired Robert Louis Stevenson. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some violence. 2004.

The Widow of the South BR 16286

by Robert Hicks

3 volumes

1864. Carrie McGavock's Tennessee plantation becomes a Confederate hospital. Caring for wounded sergeant

Zachariah Cashwell rejuvenates Carrie, who is mourning her children's deaths. Decades later, before 1,500 graves can be plowed for farmland, Carrie has the soldiers reburied in her backyard—then Zachariah returns. Some strong language. 2005.

Cell BR 16287

by Stephen King

3 volumes

Clayton Riddell is in Boston celebrating the sale of his graphic novel when the Pulse, a phenomenon that turns cell-phone users into murderous zombies, strikes people around him. Clayton begins the long walk back to his family in Maine, joined by other normal humans. Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2006.

High Plains Tango BR 16288

by Robert James Waller

3 volumes

Carlisle McMillan, carpenter son of photographer Robert Kincaid from *The Bridges of Madison County* (BR 9823), settles in Salamander, South Dakota. There McMillan renovates his home and falls in love with Susanna Benteen—while he resists the local government's seizure of his land to build a highway. Strong language, some explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. 2005.

Angels in the Gloom: A World War I Novel BR 16291

by Anne Perry

3 volumes

Cambridge, England; 1916. After being wounded at Flanders, chaplain Joseph Reavley returns home to recuperate. When someone murders scientist Theo Blaine, Joseph searches the

Scientific Establishment for the traitor, who may have also betrayed his parents. Sequel to *Shoulder the Sky* (BR 15592). 2005.

Rococo BR 16293

by Adriana Trigiani

3 volumes

1970. Bachelor Bartolomeo di Crespi is the renowned interior decorator of Our Lady of Fatima, New Jersey, where he lives amongst his large Italian clan. When Bartolomeo is hired to redo the local church, he gets stained glass artisans Rufus McSherry and Pedro Alarcon to help. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2005.

Autobiography of My Dead Brother BR 16294

by Walter Dean Myers

1 volume

Childhood friends Jesse and Rise are growing apart. While fifteen-year-old Jesse develops his interest in art, Rise turns to the Harlem streets under pressure to be cool. When their long-established neighborhood social group becomes a gang, more violence enters their community. Violence. For junior and senior high readers. 2005.

Thirteen Steps Down BR 16297

by Ruth Rendell

3 volumes

Fitness equipment repairman Mix Cellini lodges in the crumbling London mansion of elderly Gwendolen Chawcer. Mix obsesses about serial killers and supermodel Nerissa Nash, while Gwendolen lives in the past. Gradually Mix becomes more and more unhinged until he commits mur-

der and the police close in. Some violence. 2004.

The Trembling of a Leaf BR 16299

by W. Somerset Maugham

2 volumes

Stories and sketches about romance and tragedy in the South Seas. In "Rain," a contest of wills becomes a fight to the death during the monsoon season on Pago Pago. Mr. Davidson, a self-righteous missionary, confronts prostitute Sadie Thompson, demanding her repentance. Later adapted for stage and screen. 1921.

Hannah's Hope: A Red Gloves Novel BR 16342

by Karen Kingsbury

1 volume

Washington, D.C. Facing another Christmas alone, fifteen-year-old Hannah Roberts, the daughter of workaholic politicians, learns that her biological father is Mike Conner, an army pilot stationed in Iraq. Hannah's search for Mike attracts media attention, and soon everyone is praying for a holiday reunion. 2005.

Gideon's Gift: A Red Gloves Novel BR 16344

by Karen Kingsbury

1 volume

Portland, Oregon. Earl Badgett lost his faith after his family died in a car accident five years ago. This Christmas, eight-year-old leukemia patient Gideon Mercer wants to restore Earl's belief in God, so she gives him a life-changing gift. When Gideon needs an expensive bone marrow transplant, Earl reciprocates. 2002.

The Delinquent Virgin BR 16370

by Laura Kalpakian

2 volumes

Nine stories with unpredictable twists. In "Lavee, Lagair, Lamore, Lamaird," Miss Savage, the governess, wreaks time-delayed revenge on a bourgeois mining family by teaching the daughters truly offensive French. "The Delinquent Virgin" is a nativity scene statue that reappears in strange places. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1999.

Books for Children

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

Children's Nonfiction

Days to Celebrate: A Full Year of Poetry, People, Holidays, History, Fascinating Facts, and More BR 15962

by Lee Bennett Hopkins

1 volume

A calendar lists each month's birthdays—of people, inventions, or historical events. Facts and poems for specific dates follow. For example, November 10, 1903, cited for the invention of the windshield wiper, is accompanied by Rebecca Kai Dotlich's poem "Windshield Wipers." For grades 4-7. 2005.

Africa: Facts and Figures BR 16181

by William Mark Habeeb

1 volume

Overview of the continent of Africa and its diverse population, geography, climate, and major cities. Discusses economic and social problems, the prevalence of poverty, and AIDS. Examines the role colonialism played in prevailing ethnic and religious conflicts. Includes some recipes and a calendar of festivals. For grades 6-9. 2005.

Caught by the Sea: My Life on Boats BR 16194

by Gary Paulsen

1 volume

Author of *Hatchet* (BR 11525) relates how falling in love with the ocean at age seven evolved into a later love for

sailing. Describes boats he has owned, his adventures up and down the Pacific Coast, and surviving a killer storm. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2001.

Gandhi: India's Great Soul BR 16197

by Maura D. Shaw

1 volume

A biography of Mahatma Gandhi (1869–1948), the champion of political change through peaceful resistance. Emphasizes the spiritual beliefs that guided his actions in the nonviolent struggle to gain India's independence from Great Britain. Includes activities. For grades 2-4. 2004.

A Kick in the Head: An Everyday Guide to Poetic Forms BR 16275

selected by Paul B. Janeczko

1 volume

A guide to twenty-nine poetic forms including haiku, limerick, roundel, sonnet, elegy, and ballad. Provides examples with narrative explanations of each form from simple rhyme schemes—couplet, tercet, quatrain—to more-complex combinations like the pantoum. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 2005.

Saint Valentine BR 16279

by Ann Tompert

1 volume

This short biography of the Christian saint covers those facts known about him and the reason his name is connected with a holiday celebrating friendship and love. For grades 2-4. 2004.

**Nursery Tales around the World
BR 16343**

retold by Judy Sierra

1 volume

An international collection of eighteen folktales from the oral tradition. Six themes group cultural variations together: runaway cookies; incredible appetites; the victory of the smallest; chain tales; slowpokes and speedsters; and fooling the big, bad wolf. For grades 3-6. 1996.

Children's Fiction

Seventeen against the Dealer BR 16176

by Cynthia Voigt

2 volumes

Twenty-one-year-old Dicey Tillerman left college determined to earn a living building boats. But hard work isn't enough—her business fails, largely due to lack of experience but also because of her unfounded trust in Cisco, a charming drifter. Companion to *Dicey's Song* (BR 13291). For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1989.

**Salamandastron: Redwall Abbey
BR 16180**

by Brian Jacques

3 volumes

The castle of Salamandastron in the mountains near the sea is under attack by evil Feraigo the Assassin and his band of vermin. Urthstripe the Strong, a wise old badger, leads the animals of Salamandastron and Redwall Abbey against his old enemy. For grades 5-8. 1992.

Jo's Boys BR 16184

by Louisa May Alcott

3 volumes

Follows the lives of Daisy and Demi, Nat and Dan, and the rest of Aunt Jo's little men and women as they mature. Concludes the series about the March family. Sequel to *Little Men* (BR 12486). For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1886.

Each Little Bird That Sings BR 16186

by Deborah Wiles

2 volumes

Comfort Snowberger is well acquainted with death since her family runs the funeral parlor in Snapfinger, Mississippi. But it affects her differently when her own relatives die and she has to make a life-and-death choice during a flash flood. For grades 4-7. 2005.

**The Five Hundred Hats of
Bartholomew Cubbins BR 16192**

by Dr. Seuss

1 volume

Each time Bartholomew Cubbins attempts to obey the King's order to take off his hat, he finds there is another one on his head. For grades K-3. 1938.

Lenny and Mel BR 16201

by Erik P. Kraft

1 volume

Twin brothers Lenny and Mel celebrate holidays in some unusual ways. After eating Thanksgiving turkey for a week, the boys put the remains under Mel's pillow for the Leftover Fairy to exchange for money. Beginning chapter book. For grades 2-4. 2002.

A Summer to Die BR 16213

by Lois Lowry

1 volume

Thirteen-year-old Meg is jealous of her popular fifteen-year-old sister Molly. But when Meg realizes that Molly is dying from a serious illness, her love for her sister prevails. Meg also begins to understand life's mysteries as she rejoices in the birth of a neighbor's child. For grades 6-9. 1977.

McElligot's Pool BR 16216

by Dr. Seuss

1 volume

Young Marco has spent three hours with his fishing pole at tiny McElligot's Pool without one single bite. He's not discouraged because he imagines all the wonderful fish that might still be caught. For grades K-3. 1947.

The Dark Hills Divide: The Land of Elyon, Book 1 BR 16270

by Patrick Carman

2 volumes

Twelve-year-old Alexa finds the key to a secret passageway leading outside the walled city of Bridewell and fulfills her wish to explore the mysterious Dark Hills. She discovers both a threat to the Land of Elyon and a magical power that is part of her destiny. For grades 4-7. 2005.

Piratica: Being a Daring Tale of a Singular Girl's Adventure upon the High Seas BR 16272

by Tanith Lee

3 volumes

A bump on the head restores sixteen-year-old Artemesia's memories of her dead mother, Piratica, and the exciting life they led. So Art flees the stuffy

Angels Academy to return to high seas adventure. But she encounters a rival for the title of pirate queen. For grades 6-9. 2003.

Becoming Naomi León BR 16277

by Pam Muñoz Ryan

2 volumes

For seven years Naomi and brother Owen lived happily with Gram in her trailer. Gram arranged Owen's surgeries for his physical disabilities and helped Naomi begin to speak again. When their mother reappears, Gram takes the children to Mexico to find their father and their heritage. For grades 4-7. Schneider Family Award. 2004.

Outcast of Redwall: Redwall Abbey BR 16290

by Brian Jacques

3 volumes

Orphan badger Sunflash the Mace undergoes many ordeals before claiming his heritage as badger lord of Salamandastron. Aided by the faithful kestrel Skarlath, Sunflash battles evil ferret warlord Swartt Sixclaw. Swartt's outcast son, Veil, who was lovingly raised at Redwall, finds his loyalties divided. For grades 5-8. 1995.

Pippi Longstocking BR 16298

by Astrid Lindgren

1 volume

Escapades of a happy-go-lucky nine-year-old girl, Pippi Longstocking, who lives with a horse and a monkey—but without any parents—at the edge of a Swedish village. For grades 3-6. 1950.

The Penultimate Peril: A Series of Unfortunate Events, Book 12

BR 16300

by Lemony Snicket

2 volumes

Advising that this volume is the next-to-last chronicle of the Baudelaire orphans, the author declares that it involves "a harpoon gun, a rooftop sun-bathing salon, two mysterious initials, three unidentified triplets, a notorious villain, and an unsavory curry." Sequel to *The Grim Grotto* (BR 15610). For grades 4-7. 2005.

Happy Birthday, America BR 16349

by Mary Pope Osborne

1 volume

The whole family joins in a lively small-town celebration of the Fourth of July, including a pet parade, picnic, talent show, booths, band concert, and fireworks. Author's note explains the origin of the holiday. PRINT/
BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 2003.

How Tia Lola Came to (Visit) Stay BR 16969

by Julia Alvarez

1 volume

Nine-year-old New Yorker Miguel and his sister Juanita move to Vermont with their mother after their parents divorce. Struggling to fit in, Miguel is embarrassed when his Spanish-speaking aunt from the Dominican Republic comes to live with them. For grades 4-7. 2001.

The World according to Humphrey BR 16970

by Betty G. Birney

1 volume

When Humphrey becomes a pet hamster at Longfellow School, he plays an important role helping his classmates and teacher. He also learns a lot about humans, especially on weekend visits with families. For grades 3-6. 2004.

The Million Dollar Kick BR 16973

by Dan Gutman

1 volume

Thirteen-year-old Whisper Nelson hates soccer, but she won a slogan contest that now requires her to kick a goal past a star player in front of the whole town. The prize is a million dollars. Self-styled computer nerd Jesse and Whisper's mentor come to her aid. For grades 5-8. 2001.

The Unseen BR 16978

by Zilpha Keatley Snyder

2 volumes

When twelve-year-old Xandra finds a magical feather, she unlocks a usually unseen world filled with both cuddly creatures and malicious monsters.

Through experiences in this new reality, she learns a great deal about herself and the family in which she has felt like an outsider. For grades 5-8. 2004.

Foreign Language Books

The following braille titles are available in the languages designated.

Spanish

Neruda Escencial: Selección de Poemas/The Essential Neruda: Selected Poems BR 16083

por Pablo Neruda

2 volúmenes

Presenta cincuenta poemas del famoso poeta chileno (1904–1973) ganador del Premio Nobel. Los poemas, seleccionados y redactados por poetas, escolares y traductores, reflejan el estilo y los temas de toda la obra de Neruda que sale entre 1924 y 1964, incluso dos obras póstumas. Edición bilingüe con introducción en inglés y los poemas en español e inglés. (Fifty verses by Nobel Prize-winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda (1904–1973), spanning the breadth of his style, themes, and periods. Collaborative effort of scholars, translators, and poets includes selections from major works published between 1924 and 1964 and posthumously. Edited with an introduction by Mark Eisner. In English and Spanish.) 2004.

Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

Boys' Life (for children and teens, monthly)
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Braille Chess Magazine (British quarterly)
Braille Music Magazine (British monthly)
Conundrum (British monthly)
Cooking Light (10 issues)
ESPN: The Magazine (biweekly)
Harper's (literary; monthly)
Health Newsletters (includes **Harvard Health Letter**, **Mayo Clinic Health Letter**, and **University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter**; monthly)
Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine (monthly)
Ladies' Home Journal (monthly)
Martha Stewart Living (home and entertaining; 10 issues)
Muse (for children; 10 issues)
The Musical Mainstream (quarterly)
National Geographic (monthly)
The New York Times Large Type Weekly (weekly)
News (NLS quarterly)
Parenting (monthly except January and July)

PC World (personal computing; monthly)
Playboy (monthly)
Poetry (11 issues)
Popular Communications (monthly)
Popular Mechanics (monthly)
Popular Music Lead Sheets (irregular)
Rolling Stone (popular culture; 24 issues)
Science News (weekly)
Seventeen (for teens, monthly)
Short Stories (British monthly)
Spider: The Magazine for Children (monthly)
Stone Soup (children's writings; 5 issues)
Update (NLS quarterly)
The Washington Post Book World (weekly)

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Children Order Form

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone (_____) _____
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For Postage-Free Mailing

1. Complete order form and enclose in an envelope.
2. Do not seal envelope. Tuck the flap in.
3. Address envelope to your cooperating braille-lending library.
4. In place of stamp, write “Free Matter for the Blind or Handicapped.”

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<input type="checkbox"/> BR 16201	C010.16201
<input type="checkbox"/> BR 16213	C010.16213
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Foreign Language Order Form

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City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone (_____) _____
(optional)

Spanish

Book Number

☐ BR 16083

Office Use Only

C010.16083

For Postage-Free Mailing

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2. Do not seal envelope. Tuck the flap in.
3. Address envelope to your cooperating braille-lending library.
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Library Phone List

For subscription changes, call the number listed below for your state. These libraries will serve you directly or refer you to your local cooperating library.

State	City	Toll-free	Local Number
Alabama	Montgomery	800-392-5671	(334) 213-3906
Alaska	Anchorage	800-776-6566	(907) 269-6575
Arizona	Phoenix	800-255-5578	(602) 255-5578
Arkansas	Little Rock	866-660-0885	(501) 682-1155
California	Los Angeles	800-808-2555	(323) 663-1111
	Sacramento	800-952-5666	(916) 654-0640
Colorado	Denver	800-685-2136	(303) 727-9277
Connecticut	Rocky Hill	800-842-4516	(860) 566-2151
Delaware	Dover	800-282-8676	(302) 739-4748
District of Columbia	Washington		(202) 727-2142
Florida	Daytona Beach	800-226-6075	(386) 239-6000
Georgia	Atlanta	800-248-6701	(404) 756-4619
Hawaii	Honolulu	800-559-4096	(808) 733-8444
Idaho	Boise	800-458-3271	(208) 334-2150
Illinois	Springfield	800-665-5576	(217) 782-9435
Indiana	Indianapolis	800-622-4970	(317) 232-3684
Iowa	Des Moines	800-362-2587	(515) 281-1333
Kansas	Emporia	800-362-0699	(620) 341-6280
Kentucky	Frankfort	800-372-2968	(502) 564-8300
Louisiana	Baton Rouge	800-543-4702	(225) 342-4944
Maine	Augusta	800-762-7106	(207) 287-5650
Maryland	Baltimore	800-964-9209	(410) 230-2424
Massachusetts	Watertown	800-852-3133	(617) 972-7240
Michigan	Lansing	800-992-9012	(517) 373-5614
	Westland	888-968-2737	(734) 727-7300
Minnesota	Faribault	800-722-0550	(507) 333-4828
Mississippi	Jackson	800-446-0892	(601) 432-4116
Missouri	Jefferson City	800-392-2614	(573) 751-8720
Montana	Helena	800-332-3400	(406) 444-2064
Nebraska	Lincoln	800-742-7691	(402) 471-4038
Nevada	Carson City	800-922-9334	(775) 684-3354

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State	City	Toll-free	Local Number
New Hampshire	Concord	800-491-4200	(603) 271-3429
New Jersey	Trenton	800-792-8322	(609) 530-4000
New Mexico	Santa Fe	800-456-5515	(505) 476-9770
New York	Albany	800-342-3688	(518) 474-5935
	New York City		(212) 206-5400
North Carolina	Raleigh	888-388-2460	(919) 733-4376
North Dakota	Bismarck	800-843-9948	(701) 328-2185
Ohio	Cincinnati	800-582-0335	(513) 369-6999
	Cleveland	800-362-1262	(216) 623-2911
Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	800-523-0288	(405) 521-3514
Oregon	Salem	800-452-0292	(503) 378-3849
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	800-222-1754	(215) 683-3213
	Pittsburgh	800-242-0586	(412) 687-2440
Puerto Rico	San Juan	800-981-8008	(787) 723-2519
Rhode Island	Providence		(401) 222-5800
South Carolina	Columbia	800-922-7818	(803) 734-4611
South Dakota	Pierre	800-423-6665	(605) 773-3131
Tennessee	Nashville	800-342-3308	(615) 741-3915
Texas	Austin	800-252-9605	(512) 463-5458
Utah	Salt Lake City	800-662-5540	(801) 715-6789
Vermont	Berlin	800-479-1711	(802) 828-3273
Virgin Islands	Christiansted		(340) 772-2250
Virginia	Richmond	800-552-7015	(804) 371-3661
Washington	Seattle	800-542-0866	(206) 615-0400
West Virginia	Charleston	800-642-8674	(304) 558-4061
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Wyoming	Salt Lake City, Utah	800-453-4293	(801) 715-6789

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The annotated list in this issue is limited to titles recently added to the national collection, which contains thousands of fiction and nonfiction titles, including classics, biographies, gothics, mysteries, and how-to and self-help guides. To learn more about the wide range of books in the national collection, readers may order catalogs and subject bibliographies from

cooperating libraries. Librarians can check other resources for titles and answer requests for special materials. Readers can receive *Braille Book Review* and other information through the Internet by accessing the NLS home page at www.loc.gov/nls.

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Library of Congress
Washington, DC 20542

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All the books and magazines listed in *Braille Book Review* are available free of charge to eligible readers for download or use online with braille output devices. Patrons who wish to use the Web-Braille system should contact their cooperating library to receive a password and login information. Thousands of other books are also available free of charge, and can be located and accessed through the online catalog at the NLS web site www.loc.gov/nls/textcatalog.

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In Brief

The following information is reprinted from an issue of *NLS Flash*, a newsletter created to bring current information on NLS progress in digital technology to patrons, library staff, and other interested individuals.

Flash, October 2006, volume 2, issue 11

Functional prototype usability tests successful

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), Library of Congress, has completed initial usability testing on functional prototypes for the digital talking-book player and flash memory cartridge. In September, twenty-six patrons from the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Rocky Hill, Connecticut, conducted hands-on examinations of the functional prototypes. The tests were designed to evaluate how well the machine meets patron requirements. All participants were pleased with machine performance, providing NLS clearance to advance to the next stage of development.

“Our patrons’ positive evaluation is an encouraging validation of the design at this stage. The feedback received from these tests will keep development of the digital player moving in the right direction,” says Frank Kurt Cylke, NLS director.

Both blind and physically impaired patrons of various ages and abilities participated in the usability tests. To collect useful and accurate data about machine performance, the testing took place in real-life settings where reading would typically occur. Users evaluated the ma-

chine in diverse environments, including their homes, retirement centers, and at the library. Patrons with physical challenges evaluated the machines at the Trace Research and Development Center in Madison, Wisconsin, where they subjected players to tests similar to those conducted by blind users.

“Children, teens, adults, and seniors with both advanced and basic skills were all accounted for during testing. Some patrons evaluated functional prototypes for basic players, while others examined the more intricate features of the advanced machine,” notes Connecticut regional librarian Carol Taylor, who recruited participants for the usability tests.

Functional design

A product’s functionality and its ease-of-use are often affected by its design. To assess how functional the prototype’s design was, participants evaluated a range of player features. The player’s obvious navigation features—for example, the longer you hold the fast-forward button the further you move ahead in the book—added to ease-of-use, as did the tactile buttons and color-coding design features.

As patrons usually read on their own, NLS was interested in how easy the players were to operate without outside assistance. For that reason, participants received only braille and large-print instruction cards. If they encountered challenges, users could access audible help through the player’s key identifier function, which narrates the actions of each button as it is pressed. Overall patrons encountered no major problems operating the machine on their own.

According to Jeff Witt, the National Federation of the Blind’s program manager for accessibility issues, who directed this round of tests, patrons were ultimately pleased with the functional prototype’s performance and were confident that the machine met their needs.

Moving ahead

Armed with important patron feedback, NLS will make any necessary refinements to the functional prototype before conducting a second round of usability tests in February 2007. Once NLS is satisfied with the prototype, it will develop a preproduction prototype that will resemble the final digital talking-book machine. Following further tests and refinement to the preproduction prototype, the digital talking-book player and cartridge will head to the final stage of the process—production.

Praise profile

NLS continues to receive positive, unsolicited feedback on the digital talking-book player and cartridge from both patrons and regional libraries. Here is the latest noteworthy comment NLS would like to share: “The high contrast of the machine and the cartridge and the bright colors of the buttons will be an instant hit with our seniors. We finally have a design that appears to be simple, practical, and easy to use, with all the necessary options but without the confusing complexity created by the options and layout of the C-1.”

—John D. Hall, Director, Arkansas
Regional Library for the Blind

Digital talking book (DTB) milestones

Completed

- Defined and prioritized DTB features
- Coordinated development and publication of *Specifications for the Digital Talking Book* (ANSI/NISO Z39.86)
- Simulated a DTB player using personal computer
- Developed a computer-based, life-cycle cost analysis (LCC) model for the NLS system and for candidate digital systems
- Developed computer software for DTB production and presentation
- Developed software to test conformance of players and DTBs with the ANSI/NISO standard
- User survey
- Player transition study
- Distribution flash cartridge study
- Player and flash cartridge design contract awarded
- Distribution system design contract awarded
- Distribution system design contract Phase I, II
- Preliminary design review
- Player and flash cartridge developed
- Designed DTB containers and labels
- Web-Magazine pilot concluded
- Web-Book pilot launched

Start 1/12/04–Finish 10/1/08

The following ongoing projects, set to conclude in 2008, are shown with start dates in parentheses.

- Digital data management system development (11/1/04)

- Distribution system implementation (10/1/06)
- Flash cartridge production (3/1/07)
- Flash cartridge duplication (5/1/07)
- Manufacture initial lot of DTB containers and labels (8/1/07)
- Full player production (9/1/07)

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To view the *Strategic Business Plan* on the web, visit:
www.loc.gov/nls/businessplan2006.html

To view the *Flash* newsletters on the web, visit:
www.loc.gov/nls/newsletters/flash/archive.html

Collection Development Advisory Group seeks advice

The members of the Collection Development Advisory Group wish to thank fellow patrons and librarians for their input concerning the NLS program last year. Ideas and suggestions from readers are key components in the success of the program and are thoroughly discussed in the committee's deliberations.

Please continue to assist NLS by contacting committee members or your cooperating braille or talking-book library with your suggestions. The group will meet again at NLS May 23–25, 2007.

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Newsstand

The following announcements may be of interest to readers. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reserves the right to publish announcements selectively, as space permits. Items mentioned, however, are not part of the NLS program and their listing does not imply endorsement.

2007 calendars. Listed below are organizations that produce calendars in braille or print/braille.

American Printing House for the Blind
(APH)
P.O. Box 6085
Louisville, KY 40206-0085
(502) 895-2405
800-223-1839
info@aph.org
www.aph.org/products/index.html
Accepts orders by mail, telephone, or online.

■ **Braille** datebook/calendar in a two-ring binder. Calendar has tabbed pages of durable plastic. Catalog no. 1-07899-07, \$53. Calendar insert and tabs only, catalog no. 1-07898-07, \$13. Filler paper and extra tabs, catalog no. 1-07897-07, \$10.

■ **Large-print/braille** *Everyday Activities Calendar* in a three-ring binder with color dividers between months, two days per page. Calendar can be used year after year. For children ages three to eight. Catalog no. 1-08121-00, \$58.

Braille Institute Universal Media Services
741 North Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029
(323) 906-3104
800-272-4553

jgarcia@brailleinstitute.org
[www.universalmediaservices.org/
PublicationsforSale/Calendar.htm](http://www.universalmediaservices.org/PublicationsforSale/Calendar.htm)
Accepts orders by telephone or online.

■ **Large-print/braille** (18 point) monthly
8-3/4 x 11-inch wall calendar, \$5.
Includes holidays and space for braille
notes.

Elizabeth Pierce Olmsted, M.D., Center
for the Visually Impaired
1170 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14209-0398
(716) 882-1025, ext. 240
(716) 882-5577 fax

Accepts prepaid orders by mail.

■ **Braille** 5-1/2 x 8-1/2-inch desk
calendar with two days per page and
dividers for each month, \$46.97. Refills
only \$38.99. (Note that the base design
changed in 2006.)

Lutheran Blind Mission
Library for the Blind
Attn: Lynne Borchelt
7550 Watson Road
St. Louis, MO 63119-4409
888-215-2455

blind.mission@blindmission.org
www.blindmission.org

Accepts requests by mail or telephone.

■ **Braille** 8-1/2 x 11-inch Scripture
calendar. Features a monthly verse from
the Bible. Free.

Michigan Braille Transcribing Fund
3500 North Elm Road
Jackson, MI 49201
(517) 780-5097
(734) 668-1094 fax

Accepts requests by fax or telephone.

■ **Large-print/braille** 6-1/4 x
3-3/4-inch purse size, spiral bound
calendar. Includes a separate listing of
major holidays. Free.

National Federation of the Blind
Independence Market
1800 Johnson Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
(410) 659-9314, ext. 2216
(410) 685-5653 fax

IndependenceMarket@nfb.org

Accepts requests by e-mail, fax, mail, or
telephone.

■ **Braille** 6 x 6-1/2-inch calendar.
Features one page per month, a personal
day page, and a listing of major holidays.
Catalog no. BBC07-B. Free.

National Library Service for the Blind
and Physically Handicapped
Library of Congress
Washington, DC 20542
Attn: Reference Section
(202) 707-9275
800-424-8567
nlsref@loc.gov

Accepts requests by e-mail or telephone.

■ **Braille** 6 x 6-1/2-inch datefinder and
signature guide. Covers a twelve-month
period from July of the current year to
June of the following year. Measures 5 x
3-1/2 inches. Free.

Society for the Blind, Inc.
Aids to Independence Store
2750 24th Street
Sacramento, CA 95818

(916) 452-8271, ext. 302

(916) 452-2622 fax

store@societyfortheblind.org

www.societyfortheblind.org

Accepts orders by mail, telephone, or online.

■ **Braille** 5-1/2 x 8-1/2-inch desk calendar with clipboard that shows two days per page. At the top of each page are the day of the week, date, and month. Catalog no. 20-06-01, \$55.95.

Magazine of the Month selections for 2007

Two NLS programs offer readers samples of magazines not otherwise available through network libraries. Subscribers to Magazine of the Month and Young Adult Magazine of the Month receive a different magazine on audiocassette each month. For a free subscription to either program, contact your cooperating talking-book library. Subscribers may expect to receive some of the following:

Magazine of the Month

- *AudioFile*
- *Civil War Times*
- *Food and Wine*
- *Gardening How-To*
- *Good Old Boat*
- *Homes of Color*
- *Newsweek en Español*
- *Pilates Style*
- *ShopSmart*
- *Sky and Telescope*

- *Strategy and Business*
- *Whole Dog Journal: A Monthly Guide to Natural Dog Care and Training*

Alternatives: *Air and Space*; *Bed and Breakfast America*; *Dog World: Active Dogs, Active People*; *Eating Well*; *Houseplant Magazine*; *In-Fisherman: The Journal of Freshwater Fishing*; *Massage*; *MHQ: The Quarterly Journal of Military History*; *Outside*; *People en Español*; *Pink*; and *Sojourners Magazine*.

Young Adult Magazine of the Month

- *All About You*
- *American Cheerleader*
- *American Idol Magazine*
- *Blackgirl Magazine*
- *Crochet Today!*
- *Fantasy Sports*
- *Kun Fu Tai Chi*
- *Paste: Signs of Life in Music, Film, and Culture*
- *Positive Teens*
- *Star Wars Insider*
- *Teen*
- *Vibe*

Alternatives: *Girl's Life*, *Guitar*, *In Knitters*, *Lost Official Magazine*, *Metal Maniacs*, *SG: Surf Snow Skate Girl*, *Slam*, *Source*, *Star Trek Magazine*, *Swimming World Magazine*, *Teen Style*

Books for Adults

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

Note: For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word “some” before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in “some strong language.”

Adult Nonfiction

A Mathematician at the Ballpark: Odds and Probabilities for Baseball Fans BR 15669

by Ken Ross

2 volumes

Mathematics professor applies the rules of probability and statistics to the game of baseball. Explains basic concepts of averages and odds by using real-life examples to analyze performance of teams and players and to predict outcomes. Also covers conditional probability and professional betting. 2004.

The Life of Graham Greene, Volume 3: 1955–1991 BR 15919

by Norman Sherry

9 volumes

This sequel to *The Life of Graham Greene, Volume 2: 1939–1955* (BR 10240) covers the distinguished author's productive career and the final years of his tumultuous life. Sherry discusses Greene's private relationships and explores the people, places, and events that inspired his writing. 2004.

Mark Wilson's Greatest Card Tricks BR 15969

by Mark Wilson

1 volume

Master illusionist's handbook for amateurs and beginners. Demonstrates more than sixty card-handling techniques and provides simple instructions for mind reading, Hindu and overhand shuffling, cuts, fans, and flourishes, and for forcing, throwing, and making cards disappear. 1975.

No Plot? No Problem! A Low-Stress, High-Velocity Guide to Writing a Novel in Thirty Days BR 15971

by Chris Baty

2 volumes

Writing coach offers a humorous four-week guide to penning a first draft, from creating a realistic schedule and developing plot, setting, and characters to polishing the manuscript into publication-worthy form. Includes do's and don'ts, encouraging anecdotes, and creativity exercises. 2004.

1776 BR 16114

by David McCullough

5 volumes

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian chronicles the struggles of the Continental Army during the disastrous year of 1776. Highlights George Washington's failed New York campaign and the retreat across New Jersey. Assesses the political, economic, and social problems the young nation encountered during the turbulent months from August to December. Bestseller. 2005.

Living with Polio: The Epidemic and Its Survivors BR 16121

by Daniel J. Wilson

4 volumes

History professor and polio survivor relates accounts of polio patients during the mid-twentieth-century epidemics. Chronicles their experiences from diagnosis to rehabilitation and recovery—including, in some cases, dealing with post-polio syndrome. Highlights the emotional and physical struggles of living with a disability. 2005.

Evening in the Palace of Reason: Bach Meets Frederick the Great in the Age of Enlightenment BR 16175

by James R. Gaines

3 volumes

Describes the encounter between young Frederick the Great and the elderly kapellmeister Johann Sebastian Bach and examines Bach's masterful response in "A Musical Offering" to the warrior-king's compositional challenge. Combines the history of music and of eighteenth-century culture with biographies of these two notable figures of the era. 2005.

In Other Words: A Language Lover's Guide to the Most Intriguing Words around the World BR 16182

by Christopher J. Moore

1 volume

Linguist looks at "untranslatable" words from numerous languages around the globe. Moore examines European, Nordic, Middle Eastern, African, Asian, ancient and classical, indigenous, and creole and pidgin languages and explains what each selected word means and how it is used. 2004.

A Guide to Survivorship for Women with Ovarian Cancer BR 16191

by F.J. Montz and

Robert E. Bristow

2 volumes

Gynecological oncologists offer a comprehensive guide to coping with the physical and emotional aspects of ovarian cancer. Discusses the latest developments in diagnosis and treatments including surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, pain management, and alternative therapies while addressing the psychological impact of the disease and stressing quality of life and self-determination. 2005.

Posterity: Letters of Great Americans to Their Children BR 16205

by Dorie McCullough Lawson

3 volumes

Presents parental messages of advice, wisdom, humor, and affection from authors, explorers, presidents, inventors, and soldiers. Includes Carl Sandburg, Theodore Roosevelt, Thomas Edison, George Patton, Woody Guthrie, Abigail Adams, and Eleanor Roosevelt among others. Grouped by general theme, the selections span four centuries and are introduced with contextual commentary. 2004.

Giants of Jazz BR 16209

by Studs Terkel

2 volumes

Collective biography of thirteen American jazz greats: Joe Oliver, Louis Armstrong, Bessie Smith, Bix Beiderbecke, Fats Waller, Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Count Basie, Billie Holiday, Woody Herman, Dizzy Gillespie, Charlie Parker, and

John Coltrane. Portraits blend musicians' life stories with information about the evolution of jazz. Includes discography. 1957.

The City: A Global History BR 16214

by Joel Kotkin

3 volumes

Chronicle of the city through time.

Posits that an urban area can thrive only if it is safe, economically viable, and spiritually enriching. Analyzes the ancient communities of Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, and China; the classical European centers; and Islamic megapolises. Laments the lack of moral order in the twenty-first century. 2005.

Remembering Mr. Shawn's New Yorker: The Invisible Art of Editing; Continents of Exile BR 16215

by Ved Mehta

4 volumes

Born in India and blind since early childhood, writer Ved Mehta portrays his relationship with William Shawn, editor-in-chief of the *New Yorker*. He begins with their first meeting in 1959, when Mehta was anxious about earning a livelihood. Sequel to *Up at Oxford* (BR 9455) in his autobiographical series. 1998.

Knitting in the Old Way: Designs and Techniques from Ethnic Sweaters BR 16220

by Priscilla A. Gibson-Roberts and Deborah Robson

3 volumes

Authors' emphasis is on fundamentals of design and construction rather than following line-by-line instructions to duplicate a printed pattern. Covers planning sweaters that fit; shaping yokes, sleeves, and necklines; and

solving problems that occur when using a pattern. 2004.

Nature Noir: A Park Ranger's Patrol in the Sierra BR 16225

by Jordan Fisher Smith

2 volumes

A park ranger chronicles his fourteen years on duty along the American River in northern California, an area threatened by possible dam construction. Relates dealing with drunks, vandals, and squatters. Describes the history and beauty of the natural setting. Strong language. 2005.

Helen Keller: Selected Writings BR 16226

edited by Kim E. Nielsen

3 volumes

Collection of letters, articles, speeches, and book excerpts written throughout Keller's life. Arranged chronologically, the writings express Keller's love for the written word, explain her book writing process, and demonstrate her interest in social, political, and theological issues. Companion to *Radical Lives of Helen Keller* (BR 15304). 2005.

Seize the Fire: Heroism, Duty, and the Battle of Trafalgar BR 16266

by Adam Nicolson

3 volumes

The author views Admiral Horatio Nelson in terms of a religious but brutal British culture that condoned war. Posits that "the twinning of apocalypse and millennium, of violence leading to peace," resulted in the 1805 Battle of Trafalgar, in which England defeated Napoleonic France. Violence. 2005.

Fly like a Bumblebee: A Blind Magician Shares His Most Powerful Secrets BR 16282

by R.W. Klamm

1 volume

Magician describes living with congenital optic atrophy disorder. He reveals with wit and humor how his profession helped to build his self-confidence. He explains easy tricks that demonstrate the concept “the hand is quicker than the eye.” 2004.

You Can Do the Math: Overcome Your Math Phobia and Make Better Financial Decisions BR 16283

by Ron Lipsman

3 volumes

Professor offers an introduction to the mathematics of personal finance. Covers buying or leasing a car, owning or renting a home, insurance, credit cards, college and retirement funds, taxes and inflation, stock market investments, compound interest, and more. Companion web site link gives calculations. 2004.

The Triumph of Numbers: How Counting Shaped Modern Life BR 16284

by I. Bernard Cohen

2 volumes

Harvard science historian’s history of numbers and the role of counting in public and private life. Traces the growing importance of numbers from Biblical times to the scientific revolution and modern era. Discusses Florence Nightingale’s use of statistics and includes commentary on Kepler, Galileo, Benjamin Franklin, and Charles Dickens. 2005.

My American Journey BR 16289

by Colin L. Powell

7 volumes

Powell shares with his fellow Americans what he believes has been a great life. The son of immigrants, he was raised in New York’s South Bronx and was undistinguished in school. But he found his place in life when he joined the ROTC and the army. Powell’s is a story of hard work and good luck, of service, and of love from and for the people who helped make the former general and Joint Chiefs chairman a popular figure in the 1990s. Bestseller. 1995.

Shine on Me: The Biography of an African American Woman, Born Blind BR 16303

by D. Dexter Vizinau

4 volumes

The son of Margaret Vizinau, an African American woman born blind in Arkansas in 1927, describes growing up in San Francisco in the 1950s and 1960s. Relates how his single mother, a devout Christian, supported her sons by singing and playing the piano in church. Strong language. 2003.

What It Takes to Pull Me Through: Why Teenagers Get in Trouble—and How Four of Them Got Out BR 16339

by David L. Marcus

3 volumes

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist’s revealing look at teenagers who have succumbed to—and are recovering from—adolescent pressures. Focuses on Massachusetts’s Academy at Swift River, an exclusive therapeutic boarding school where students undergo an intensive program combining rigorous

courses, wilderness survival, and group therapy. Profiles four successful teens. Some strong language. 2005.

Hershey: Milton S. Hershey's Extraordinary Life of Wealth, Empire, and Utopian Dreams BR 16340

by Michael D'Antonio

4 volumes

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist examines the life and career of Milton Snavely Hershey (1857–1945), whose name is synonymous with chocolate. Discusses Hershey's business success, the model community around the Pennsylvania factory, and the 2002 controversy over the school trust. Presents the corporate titan's flaws as well as his ideals. 2006.

Tree of Origin: What Primate Behavior Can Tell Us about Human Social Evolution BR 16365

edited by Frans B.M. de Waal

3 volumes

Nine primatologists discuss the social interactions, communications skills, mating behavior, and survival techniques of great apes and other primates. The essays, growing out of a 1997 conference on evolution, offer clues and speculations about human development. 2001.

Maimonides BR 16366

by Sherwin B. Nuland

2 volumes

Award-winning author of *How We Die* (BR 9461) offers an introductory portrait of Rabbi Moses ben Maimon (1135–1204), Spanish-born Jewish philosopher and physician. Explores Maimonides' life and work in religious and medical fields, including his treatise *The Guide for the Perplexed*,

which attempted to reconcile science and faith. 2005.

Ballad of the Whiskey Robber: A True Story of Bank Heists, Ice Hockey, Transylvanian Pelt Smuggling, Moonlighting Detectives, and Broken Hearts BR 16368

by Julian Rubinstein

3 volumes

Traces the life of twenty-one-year-old Romanian Attila Ambrus, who in 1988 sneaked into post-Communist Hungary and joined a professional ice hockey team. Details seven years he spent robbing banks, romancing women, and boozing. Describes the Budapest detective on his trail—who had learned crime solving from American TV.

Strong language. 2004.

Red Dust: A Path through China BR 16369

by Jian Ma

3 volumes

Disgusted with his personal problems and job in Beijing, a thirty-year-old artist becomes a Buddhist monk and buys a train ticket to Urumqi. He embarks on a three-year journey to reach Tibet, searching for spiritual enlightenment and describing the hardships of traveling in China's remote areas.

Some strong language. 2001.

Churchill: Visionary, Statesman, Historian BR 16372

by John Lukacs

2 volumes

History professor captures the essence of Winston Churchill at the height of his powers. Lukacs examines Churchill's relationships with world leaders and portrays a visionary who foresaw the long-range global consequences of

his actions. Lukacs also addresses Churchill's critics and reflects on his own experiences at the statesman's 1965 funeral. 2002.

The Loss of the S.S. *Titanic*: Its Story and Its Lessons BR 16373

by Lawrence Beesley
1 volume

The personal record of one of the 705 survivors of the *Titanic* disaster in 1912. His eyewitness account is augmented by those of other passengers who were spared, contributing to a general report of events and behavior the night the ship sank within three hours of colliding with an iceberg. 1912.

Strong at the Heart: How It Feels to Heal from Sexual Abuse BR 16475

by Carolyn Lehman
1 volume

Personal accounts of nine survivors of rape, molestation, or incest at young ages. They discuss their experiences and the people who helped them reclaim their lives. Lists resources including assistance hotlines, books, movies, organizations, and web sites. Explicit descriptions of sex and violence. For junior and senior high readers. 2005.

A Concise History of the Crusades BR 16479

by Thomas F. Madden
3 volumes

Professor asserts that, historically, "the crusading movement transcends the conquest of the Holy Land." Describes a European pattern of campaigning that continued into the Renaissance and Reformation. Uses primary sources to survey political crusades,

those against heretics, and five major expeditions against Muslims—and their long-term effects. 1999.

A Short History of Myth BR 16509

by Karen Armstrong
1 volume

Religious historian and author of *In the Beginning* (RC 44354) surveys the evolution of mythology from the Paleolithic era to the twentieth century. Armstrong views traditional beliefs as a timeless art form that remains relevant to the human condition. 2005.

Adult Fiction

***The Pilgrim's Progress from This World to That Which Is to Come* and *Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners* BR 15964**

by John Bunyan
4 volumes

Two classic works by English Puritan John Bunyan (1628–1688). In the allegorical tale *Pilgrim's Progress*, the protagonist, burdened by sin, leaves the City of Destruction to find Zion, the city of God. His journey embodies Christian teachings. In *Grace Abounding*, Bunyan recounts his conversion and spiritual growth. 2004.

Kiss Me Again BR 15984

by Lisa Jackson and
Lori Foster
3 volumes

Four short stories about women who find love in different ways. In "The Marrying Kind" by Debbie Macomber, Jason Ingram meets his first true love a few days before his wedding. In "The Brass Ring" by Lisa Jackson, Dr.

Shawna McGuire's fiancé has amnesia. Explicit descriptions of sex. 2005.

The Castlemaine Murders: A Phryne Fisher Mystery BR 16116

by Kerry Greenwood
2 volumes

Australia. When Phryne Fisher, her two daughters, her younger sister, and her Chinese lover visit an amusement park, their day of fun is cut short: Phryne discovers a mummified corpse, complete with a bullet hole. As Phryne investigates, she and her family receive death threats. 2002.

Burned: A Regan Reilly Mystery BR 16118

by Carol Higgins Clark
2 volumes

Los Angeles private investigator Regan Reilly, about to be married, joins her girlfriend Kit Callan in Hawaii for a last fling. When the body of the resort's social director, Dorinda Dawes, washes ashore, the hotel manager persuades Regan to investigate. Suspects include assorted guests and a local millionaire. 2005.

Every Boy's Got One BR 16120

by Meg Cabot
3 volumes

In an adventure that unfolds through travel diaries and e-mails, reporter Cal Langdon and cartoonist Jane Harris clash at first as they travel to Italy to witness their best friends' elopement. But when wedding plans hit a snag, they cooperate to obtain a necessary document and fall in love. 2005.

Rosie Dunne BR 16122

by Cecelia Ahern
4 volumes

Irish childhood friends Rosie and Alex keep in touch through the years. Both plan for college in the United States, but Rosie gets pregnant and remains in Ireland while Alex attends Harvard. Over time the two miss opportunities to declare their love for each other. Some strong language. 2005.

The Virginian: A Horseman of the Plains BR 16196

by Owen Wister
4 volumes

Centennial edition of the classic western tale told by an easterner who, while visiting a Wyoming ranch, is impressed by a slow-talking, quick-witted cowboy known only as the Virginian. The Virginian falls for schoolteacher Molly Wood, but a feud with a ranch hand threatens their courtship. Some violence. 1902.

A Factory of Cunning BR 16200

by Philippa Stockley
3 volumes

1784. A French noblewoman-turned-madam arrives in London planning to find a husband and resume her craft. Calling herself Mrs. Fox, she infiltrates society and becomes the instrument of revenge against notorious aristocrat Earl Much, art collector and debaucher of young women. Some strong language. 2005.

Sweet Nothings: The Coulter Family, Book 3 BR 16208

by Catherine Anderson
4 volumes

Molly Wells steals a valuable but abused racehorse from her ex-husband.

She takes the animal to the ranch of “horse whisperer” Jake Coulter in Oregon for help. There Molly remains in hiding. Explicit descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. 2002.

The Serpent on the Crown: An Amelia Peabody Mystery, Book 17 BR 16210

by Elizabeth Peters

3 volumes

Egypt, 1922. Archaeologist Amelia Peabody Emerson and her family are at their house on the Nile when author Magda Petherick arrives with an ancient statue she believes is cursed. When Magda is murdered, Amelia and her husband and son investigate the crime as well as the relic’s history. 2005.

Pinned BR 16217

by Alfred C. Martino

2 volumes

Seniors Ivan and Bobby compete on rival New Jersey high school wrestling teams. While vying for a state championship that would lead to college scholarships, each boy keeps a demanding training schedule and copes with family problems. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. For senior high readers. 2005.

Gonna Lay Down My Burdens BR 16218

by Mary Monroe

3 volumes

Belle Helene, Alabama. Thirty-year-old African American Carmen has experienced many tragedies in her life. She is about to marry an old boyfriend she doesn’t love when her best friend, Desiree, involves her in a crime—and the two women flee town. Strong lan-

guage, some descriptions of sex, and some violence. 2002.

Lone Calder Star: Calder Saga, Volume 9 BR 16219

by Janet Dailey

3 volumes

Chase Calder of Montana sends his grandson Quint Echohawk to the family’s ranch in Texas to prevent a takeover by millionaire Max Rutledge. Quint, a former ATF agent, encounters trouble but gets help from Empty Garner and his beautiful granddaughter Dallas. Some violence. 2005.

Impossible BR 16221

by Danielle Steel

3 volumes

Widowed gallery owner Sasha Boardman offers a contract to bad-boy artist Liam Allison. Soon conservative Sasha and staunch-nonconformist Liam begin an affair—though he is married and nearly a decade younger. Differences, complications, and personality clashes threaten their dramatic romance. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2005.

The Sea BR 16232

by John Banville

2 volumes

Middle-aged Irish widower Max Morden retreats to the seaside where he spent his boyhood summers to mourn the loss of his wife, Anna. While his grown daughter tries to console him, he confronts the past and his relationship with the wealthy Grace family. Strong language. Man Booker Prize. Bestseller. 2005.

Best Foot Forward BR 16240

by Joan Bauer

1 volume

In this sequel to *Rules of the Road* (BR 11821), Jenna has returned to school and to her job with Mrs. Gladstone at the shoe store. Jenna copes with many changes there, including Tanner Cobb, a new employee with a police record. For junior and senior high readers. 2005.

In the Shadow of the Peacock

BR 16296

by Grace Edwards-Yearwood

3 volumes

Frieda's husband dies during the 1943 Harlem riots while trying to save a trapped woman. Afterwards Frieda protects her daughter Celia from the dangers and temptations of the world. But Celia grows up and falls in love. Strong language, some descriptions of sex, and some violence. 1988.

The Razor's Edge BR 16302

by W. Somerset Maugham

3 volumes

Twenty-year-old WWI aviator Larry Darrell leaves Chicago and heads to Paris seeking truth and meaning. In Larry's prolonged absence, his fiancée, Isabel, marries wealthy broker Gray Maturin. Ruined by the depression years later, Isabel and her family relocate to Paris, where she and Larry reassess life and love. 1943.

Million Dollar Dilemma BR 16345

by Judy Baer

3 volumes

Minneapolis, Minnesota. Twenty-eight-year-old preacher's daughter Cassia Carr inadvertently participates in an office lottery pool and wins

twenty million dollars. When Cassia decides to donate her ill-gotten wealth, her neighbor Adam Cavanaugh, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and lapsed Christian, tries to convince her to contribute the money to impoverished Africans. 2005.

Hard Truth BR 16347

by Mariah Stewart

2 volumes

Lorna Stiles revisits her family's farm, where a girlhood friend, Melinda, disappeared at age nine. Melinda's brother Jason was suspected of killing Melinda, but he vanished, too. Now Jason's remains materialize, and police arrest his mother. Lorna enlists ex-FBI agent T.J. Dawson to investigate. Strong language and some violence. 2005.

The Two-Minute Rule BR 16364

by Robert Crais

3 volumes

After serving ten years in prison, forty-six-year-old bank robber Max Holman is released on parole only to discover his estranged son—an LAPD policeman—has been murdered. Max contacts ex-FBI agent Katherine Pollard—the very agent who arrested him—to help him find his son's killers. Strong language and some violence. Bestseller. 2006.

Two Moons BR 16374

by Thomas Mallon

3 volumes

Washington, D.C.; 1877. When mathematically gifted Cynthia May, a thirty-five-year-old widow, applies for the human "computer" position at the Naval Observatory, she is only looking for a better job. But her life changes

forever as she encounters a young astronomer, an astrologer, and a powerful, corrupt senator. 2000.

The Penelopiad BR 16454

by Margaret Atwood

1 volume

Penelope is in Hades recalling the events of her life in this contemporary retelling of the ancient Greek tale of the faithful wife of Odysseus and her twelve hanged maids. 2005.

White Apples BR 16458

by Jonathan Carroll

3 volumes

Surreal journey of philanderer Vincent Ettrich, who dies and is resurrected by his pregnant girlfriend. Ettrich struggles to comprehend the mystery of his new life and to protect the unborn child who, he discovers, is crucial to the salvation of the universe. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2002.

Inexcusable BR 16460

by Chris Lynch

1 volume

High school senior and football star Keir believes he's a "good guy" who can do no wrong. When his behavior spins out of control, escalating into date rape on graduation night, Keir is forced to assess his morals. Some strong language. For senior high readers. National Book Award Finalist. 2005.

The House BR 16461

by Danielle Steel

3 volumes

San Francisco. A client has left workaholic lawyer Sarah Anderson an unexpected inheritance with the caveat to have fun with the money. Sarah de-

cides to renovate a mansion and becomes absorbed in its history. Soon she finds herself falling in love with architect Jeff Parker. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2006.

Two Little Girls in Blue BR 16462

by Mary Higgins Clark

2 volumes

A kidnapper takes three-year-old identical twins Kelly and Kathy Frawley from their Connecticut home. After a ransom payment, only one child returns, with a note claiming the other is dead. But Kelly telepathically hears her sister calling her and gives their parents hope that Kathy is still alive. Bestseller. 2006.

A Christmas Guest BR 16464

by Anne Perry

1 volume

Cantankerous Grandmama, from the Charlotte and Thomas Pitt series, solves a mystery of her own after a visiting relative is murdered during the holidays. The family's indifference to the death raises Grandmama's suspicions. Along the way she uncovers secrets and discovers the meaning of Christmas. 2005.

Grimm's Last Fairytale BR 16473

by Haydn Middleton

2 volumes

Journeying through his homeland, the elderly professor Jacob Grimm recalls his childhood when he and his brother, Wilhelm, listened to the stories of their mother. His memories are interwoven with a retelling of *The Sleeping Beauty* and the tales of his companions, his niece, and a servant. 1999.

Played BR 16474

by Dana Davidson

2 volumes

In order to join a fraternity at his Detroit high school Ian must make Kylie want him. Ian is surprised when he is the one who falls in love, while Kylie tries to suppress her suspicions and enjoy their relationship. Some descriptions of sex. For senior high readers. 2005.

Full Service BR 16477

by Will Weaver

2 volumes

In the summer of 1965, teenager Paul Sutton, a northern Minnesota farm boy, takes a job at a gas station in town. His strict religious upbringing is challenged by the people and situations he encounters during his employment. For senior high readers. 2005.

The Way West BR 16478

by A.B. Guthrie Jr.

3 volumes

1840s. Dick Summers has been to Oregon before, but now that his wife has died he decides to return. He will guide a group of men and women from Missouri on the difficult journey along the Oregon Trail. Sequel to *The Big Sky* (BR 14920). Pulitzer Prize. 1949.

**Then He Ate My Boy Entrancers:
More Mad, Marvy Confessions of
Georgia Nicolson BR 16480**

by Louise Rennison

2 volumes

British teenager Georgia Nicolson continues to list all her madcap adventures in her journal. When the family goes to Memphis, Hamburger-a-gogo land (U.S.A.), Georgia and her best friend try to track down Georgia's current

crush, Masimo, who's visiting relatives in New York. For senior high readers. 2005.

**S Is for Silence: A Kinsey Millhone
Mystery BR 16508**

by Sue Grafton

3 volumes

California PI Kinsey Millhone is hired by Daisy Sullivan to investigate her mother's disappearance. Violet Sullivan never returned from a Fourth of July fireworks display thirty-four years ago when Daisy was six. Descriptions of sex, violence, and strong language. Bestseller. 2005.

Beasts of No Nation BR 16528

by Uzodinma Iweala

1 volume

Schoolboy Agu is forced to join guerilla fighters when civil war erupts in his West African nation. In the company of other child soldiers, he becomes disassociated from his comfortable family home and abruptly accustomed to brutality and killing as he seeks to please his commandant. Violence. 2005.

Books for Children

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

Children's Nonfiction

Our Fifty States BR 15970

by Mark H. Bockenhauer and
Stephen F. Cunha
2 volumes

Presents concise geographic information on the U.S. states, organized by region: Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, Southwest, and West. Describes each state's natural features, resources, and industries and lists statistics and historical events. For grades 4-7. 2004.

Medicine and Health: American Indian Contributions to the World BR 16237

by Emory Dean Keoke and
Kay Marie Porterfield
2 volumes

Topics include personal hygiene, medicinal plants, food values, surgery, wound treatment, dentistry, and the mind/body connection as evidenced throughout the Americas before Columbus. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 2005.

The Pea Blossom BR 16353

retold by Amy Lowry Poole
1 volume

In a garden near Beijing, five peas grow in a pod. Four of them have big plans while the fifth and smallest pea is content to see what will happen. His patience is rewarded in a loving way. Based on a Hans Christian Andersen tale. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2005.

Crochet: Fantastic Jewelry, Hats, Purses, Pillows, and More BR 16511

by Jane Davis
1 volume

Thirty crochet projects, starting with basic stitches. Includes instructions for making squares, rectangles, and triangles—the building blocks for creating slippers, a phone carrier, balls, a shawl, a CD case, and other useful gift items. Covers required materials and step-by-step project details. For grades 4-7. 2005.

Children's Fiction

Stormchaser: The Edge Chronicles, Book 2 BR 16119

by Paul Stewart
2 volumes

Twig joins the crew of his father's sky pirate ship, *Stormchaser*. They embark on a dangerous mission to collect the powerful stormphrax, a substance that purifies water and also prevents the city of Sanctaphrax from floating away. Sequel to *Beyond the Deepwoods* (BR 15878). For grades 6-9. 1999.

Midnight over Sanctaphrax: The Edge Chronicles, Book 3 BR 16124

by Paul Stewart
2 volumes

Twig, a young sky pirate captain, risks his ship and crew to find his father in the vortex of the Mother Storm. His father foretells calamity from the storm unless Twig intervenes. But Twig's memory becomes fogged. Sequel to *Stormchaser* (BR 16119). Some violence. For grades 6-9. 2000.

Artemis Fowl: The Opal Deception

BR 16206

by Eoin Colfer

2 volumes

Teen criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl's memory is erased of fairy knowledge thus making him vulnerable to the schemes of his archenemy, the evil pixie Opal Koboi. Sequel to *Artemis Fowl: The Eternity Code* (BR 14808). For grades 5-8. 2005.

Martin the Warrior: Redwall Abbey

BR 16222

by Brian Jacques

3 volumes

The evil corsair stoat Badrang the Tyrant has enslaved dozens of innocent creatures to build his empire. Among the captives is Martin, a young mouse with the heart of a warrior, who vows to fight for freedom and to reclaim his father's sword, stolen by Badrang. For grades 5-8. 1993.

The Bellmaker: Redwall Abbey

BR 16223

by Brian Jacques

3 volumes

Joseph the Bellmaker learns from a dream that his daughter, the warrior mouse Mariel, is in danger. He and his companions undertake a journey to find Mariel and help defeat a new menace—Foxwolf Urgan Nagru and his rat hordes, which have overrun the land of Southward. For grades 5-8. 1994.

Lord Brocktree: Redwall Abbey

BR 16224

by Brian Jacques

3 volumes

Two unlikely comrades—badger warrior Brocktree and young haremaid

Dotti—set out for Salamandastron together only to discover the mountain has been captured by wildcat Ungatt Trunn and his Blue Hordes. To face them, Brocktree and Dotti rally an army of hares, otters, shrews, moles, mice, and squirrels. For grades 5-8. 2000.

Heroes Don't Run BR 16233

by Harry Mazer

1 volume

1944. To honor his father, who died during the 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, seventeen-year-old Adam Pelko eagerly enlists in the Marine Corps. Adam goes through boot camp and faces combat on the tiny island Okinawa. Sequel to *Boy No More* (BR 15847). For grades 6-9. 2005.

The Bunny Who Found Easter

BR 16239

by Charlotte Zolotow

1 volume

After an owl tells a lonely rabbit that there are always rabbits at Easter, the bunny turns east, looking for what he believes is a place called Easter. He searches from summer through winter until spring arrives and he learns the true meaning of Easter. For grades K-3. 1959.

If I Ran the Circus BR 16243

by Dr. Seuss

1 volume

In this story told in rhyme, a young boy, Morris McGurk, imagines the fantastic animals and incredible acts that he will have in his Circus McGurkus, the world's greatest show. For grades K-3. 1956.

Permanent Rose BR 16274

by Hilary McKay

2 volumes

At the end of a steamy English summer, Rose, the youngest member of the artistic Casson family, still longs to locate her American friend Tom. Other problems—Caddy's half-hearted engagement and David's new friendliness—vie for her attention. Sequel to *Indigo's Star* (BR 15737). For grades 4-7. 2005.

Miss Bridie Chose a Shovel BR 16350

by Leslie Connor

1 volume

When practical Miss Bridie moves to America in 1856 she brings along a sturdy shovel, which proves to be a useful tool throughout her life. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 2004.

My Granny Went to Market: A Round-the-World Counting Rhyme BR 16351

by Stella Blackstone

1 volume

A grandmother travels around the world on a magic carpet buying presents in quantities of one to ten. She surprises her grandchild in Peru with a special gift. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 2005.

Where the Wild Things Are BR 16352

by Maurice Sendak

1 volume

The night that Max wears his wolf suit and makes mischief, he is sent to bed without his supper. So he sails to the land of the wild things, where he becomes king. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. Caldecott Medal. 1963.

The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle BR 16371

by Hugh Lofting

2 volumes (Reissue)

Nine-and-a-half-year-old Tommy Stubbins of Puddleby-on-the-Marsh tells about Doctor Dolittle's adventures as he voyages to Spidermonkey Island and struggles to learn shellfish language. For grades 4-7. Newbery Medal. 1922.

Kailey: An American Girl Today BR 16455

by Amy Goldman Koss

1 volume

Ten-year-old Kailey and her best pal, Tess, love to ride on bodyboards in a California cove and observe tidal pool creatures. When a developer posts signs for an oceanfront complex, Kailey needs to act fast to save the natural coast from becoming a boat marina. For grades 3-6. 2003.

Andy and the Lion: A Tale of Kindness Remembered; or, The Power of Gratitude BR 16459

by James Daugherty

1 volume

Andy meets a lion on the way to school and wins his friendship for life by removing a thorn from his paw. A retelling of "Androcles and the Lion." For grades K-3. Caldecott Honor. 1938.

The Easter Rabbit's Parade BR 16522

by Lois Lenski

1 volume

Old Graybeard the Goat grumbles and White Rabbit brags about being the Easter Bunny, but all the farmyard animals work together to make a special

Easter celebration for their caretaker

Ann Eliza. For grades K-3. 1936.

**Henry and Mudge and the Great
Grandpas BR 16523**

by Cynthia Rylant

1 volume

When Henry and his dog Mudge go with Henry's parents to visit Great-Grandpa Bill in the home where lots of other grandpas live, they all have wonderful adventures at a swimming pond. For grades K-3. 2005.

Doctor De Soto BR 16526

by William Steig

1 volume

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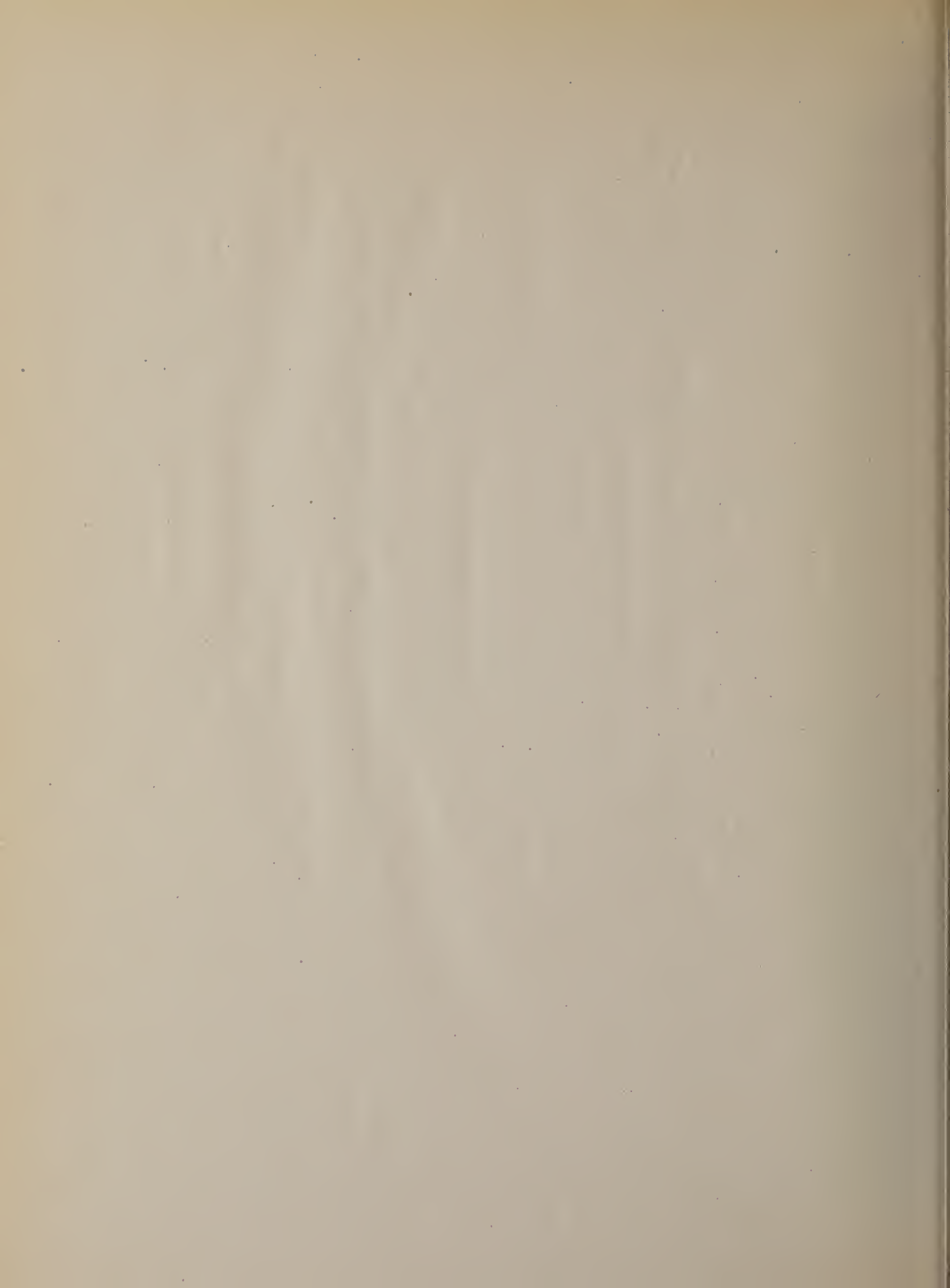
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In Brief

The following information is reprinted from two issues of *NLS Flash*, a newsletter created to bring current information on NLS progress in digital technology to patrons, library staff, and other interested individuals.

Flash, December 2006, volume 3, issue 1

NLS forms advisory committee for digital transition

With the design and development of digital talking books, machines, and containers nearly complete, the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), Library of Congress, is planning the next stage of the digital project—implementation. Beginning in 2008, NLS will phase in the production and distribution of digital talking books and players while phasing out recorded cassettes and C-1 analog talking-book machines. NLS has organized the Digital Transition Advisory Committee to advise the process during its pivotal first three years. The committee, made up of consumer representatives and regional and state librarians, will meet for the first time on January 30, 2007, in Washington, D.C., to discuss key issues.

“We have reached an important point in the digital project. Our focus is shifting from design and development to production and distribution,” said Frank Kurt Cylke, NLS director. “We are eager to get digital audiobooks into the hands of our patrons.”

The advisory committee will serve three primary purposes. First, it will be a

channel for informing user groups, the network of cooperating regional libraries, and state librarians about NLS's plans for distributing digital talking books and players. Key stakeholders will thus know what to expect when implementation begins. Second, committee participants will review distribution plans to ensure that no significant considerations are overlooked. Finally, members will offer new and emerging ideas for improving the transition process.

This Digital Transition Advisory Committee succeeds the Digital Long-Term Planning Group, which was tasked with advising NLS on the design and development process for digital talking books and players. The planning group completed its assignment. The advisory committee will help to move the transition process forward.

The fourteen-member committee includes consumer representatives from the American Council of the Blind, the Blinded Veterans Association, and the National Federation of the Blind. Regional librarians representing the Midlands, Northern, Southern, and Western Conferences and a representative from the Consortium of User Libraries will also serve on the committee. Additionally, the group includes six state librarians from different parts of the country.

Taking the lead

Carolyn Sung, chief of the NLS Network Division, will chair the advisory committee. The Network Division offers direct service and support to NLS's network of cooperating libraries. Because it maintains regular contact with the libraries, it

is the most logical choice for channeling communication about the digital transition.

"The role of the Network Division is ultimately to help librarians to do their work and to provide them with the resources they need," said Sung. "Our goal is to ensure that librarians nationwide continue to be informed about the transition so that they can adequately prepare to provide digital offerings to patrons in 2008."

The Network Division has been engaged in the digital project from the beginning. Steve Prine, assistant chief of the Network Division, serves on NLS's Digital Audio Development (DAD) executive committee, which has focused on the development of the player and cartridge, and he, along with Sung, will be presenting relevant issues to the implementation committee at the inaugural meeting.

Implementation issues

The advisory committee will be presented with a full progress report on the development of the digital player, cartridge, and container. The state of the digital book download project and other automation concerns will also be addressed. The main focus of the meeting, however, will be to discuss distribution plans.

After the transition period in 2012, NLS will revisit the distribution system issues. The organization will consider whether to continue mass-duplication of all digital titles or adopt a hybrid system, in which the most popular titles will be mass produced and less popular titles will be duplicated on demand. The cost of

digital duplication is expected to decrease steadily over the next years, and implementation of a hybrid system may not be cost-efficient by 2012.

Among the transition issues to be discussed at the advisory committee meeting are book and player distribution, shelving, duplication, circulation system modifications, machine distributing and monitoring issues, and copy allotment.

According to Prine, successful implementation across the network is based on librarians fully understanding the new dynamics and processes associated with the digital program. “The digital transition will be a complex process, but we’re confident that with adequate preparation the implementation will be seamless,” noted Prine.

Members of the Digital Transition Advisory Committee

Consumer groups

- Chris Gray, American Council of the Blind
- George Brummell, Blinded Veterans Association
- David Andrews, National Federation of the Blind

Network libraries

- Lissa Shanahan, Indiana Regional Library, Midlands Conference
- Jill Lewis, Maryland Regional Library, Northern Conference
- Ruth Hemphill, Tennessee Regional Library, Southern Conference
- Bessie Oakes, Utah Regional Library, Western Conference

- Karen Keninger, Iowa Regional Library, Consortium of User Libraries

State libraries

- Irene Padilla, Maryland State Department of Education Division of Library Development and Services
- Robert Maier, Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners
- Michael York, New Hampshire State Library
- Doris Ott, North Dakota State Library
- Peggy Rudd, Texas State Library and Archives Commission
- Donna Jones Morris, Utah State Library Division

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NLS submits request to fund digital transition

As the digital transition project progresses toward its 2008 initiation date, the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), Library of Congress, is pursuing its plan for a successful launch. A formal funding request has been submitted to Congress by the Library of Congress to support a four-year transition plan. NLS has requested \$76.4 million to support the production and distribution of digital talking books (DTBs), digital players, flash-memory cartridges, and containers. If approved, funds will be disbursed in four equal increments.

“This funding request is based on the thorough research and analysis of projected costs by NLS experts, our consultants, and contractors working on the digital program. Careful assessment

of the upcoming stages of the program led to the conclusion that \$76.4 million will be required to support the transition through completion, ensuring little disruption in service to patrons,” said Frank Kurt Cylke, NLS director. “We are hopeful that our request will be met so that we may successfully achieve the project’s goals.”

The digital project, in progress for more than a decade, will update talking-book technology by replacing cassette books and players with flash-based digital talking books and players. Three main factors spurred the transition to digital—improved patron service, patron expectations, and cassette obsolescence. Digital talking books will greatly enhance the reading experience, offering users crisper, clearer audio; significant navigation capabilities; and greater convenience. The new players are lighter and smaller and, in 95 percent of cases, one cartridge will hold a complete book. Finally, NLS is moving toward digital because analog technology has become outdated, and cassettes and player parts are increasingly expensive and difficult to locate. Unlike the cassette player, the digital player contains no moving parts, making it more reliable and less susceptible to mechanical failure.

Benefits of digital technology

Digital technology offers multiple benefits! The player’s smaller and lighter frame makes the machine more portable and provides patrons more options in where they choose to read. The machine is also user-friendly, because of the shape, tactility, and color markings of the

player’s buttons; the ease with which cartridges may be inserted and ejected; and optimal audio help features. This last function enables patrons to access audio instructions on machine use at the touch of a button, allowing them to read independently. Equipped with an extended-life battery, the digital player also runs longer—approximately sixteen hours—and is more cost efficient for NLS to maintain and repair. The flash platform can be easily adapted for use by basic, advanced, and download users.

Readers are likely to enjoy the digital talking book’s superior audio quality. The system’s improved navigation capabilities will offer patrons greater control over the reading process. The digital talking-book cartridge can sustain a surprising degree of abuse and still continue to function efficiently. Furthermore, once a title is no longer in high demand, cartridges may be reloaded and recirculated with no degradation in sound quality or performance.

To ensure that the digital player meets the needs of its users and to guarantee compliance with intellectual property law, NLS has chosen to provide a player built to its own specifications.

The digital player and flash cartridge are based on open standards developed by the National Information Standards Organization (NISO) so that NLS can obtain products from a number of sources instead of a single provider, ensuring that the devices are always available. While the system complies with open standards, it adheres to a legislated special format to protect its intellectual property.

The digital machine also has the advantage of being significantly more

durable than the cassette player, resulting in a longer lifespan. Built to endure rough handling and transit through the mail system, even three-foot drops, the player also features easy-to-clean surfaces so it is easy for patrons to maintain and may be reissued over its long lifespan.

The player's controls facilitate use by both blind and physically handicapped readers. The buttons are easy to discover and appropriately sized. In most cases the shape denotes their function and they are labeled in both print and braille.

Digital production and distribution

Taking the digital player from concept to manufacturing was a team effort. NLS has engaged the expertise of industry leaders in product design and development and in the fields of blindness and physical disability research to ensure the best player for our users. The process has

involved extensive user testing of the player's hardware and software.

As the digital talking-book's design and development stage draws to a close, NLS is planning for the production and distribution phase. Over the course of four years, NLS will phase out cassette books and players as it phases in digital talking books and digital players.

In 2008, NLS will initiate production of flash-memory machines as well as duplication and distribution of digital talking-book cartridges. From 2009 to 2010, NLS will increase production of digital books while continuing to provide some cassette titles. NLS will stop producing cassette books entirely in 2011. NLS plans to produce enough digital titles and players between 2008 and 2011 to sustain the digital program without service disruptions.

Production of digital talking books and players

The first table details the number of titles and copies of both digital and cassette books that NLS plans to produce from 2008 to 2011. The second table charts production of DTB players during that same time.

Digital and cassette books contracted:

Total Book Production

Year	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Titles	Copies	Titles	Copies	Titles	Copies	Titles	Copies
Cassette								
Books	2,000	694	2,000	443	2,000	199	0	0
DTBs	650	350	1,300	550	1,500	750	1,731	924

Digital players contracted:

DTB Player Production

Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
DTB Players	60,000	124,295	144,590	133,830	129,280

Weighing only 2 pounds, the new digital talking-book machines are smaller and lighter than current cassette players. The tactile buttons, color-coded and shaped to facilitate user ease, are just one feature that will enhance reading pleasure. The basic model varies only slightly from the advanced version, which includes additional buttons for the advanced navigation functions. The flash cartridge will, in 95 percent of cases, hold an entire book, reducing the number of moving parts to keep track of.

Digital Talking Book (DTB) Milestones

Completed

- Defined and prioritized DTB features
- Coordinated development and publication of Specifications for the Digital Talking Book (ANSI/NISO Z39.86)
- Simulated a DTB player using personal computer
- Developed a computer-based, life-cycle cost analysis (LCC) model for the NLS system and for candidate digital systems
- Developed computer software for DTB production and presentation
- Developed software to test conformance of players and DTBs with the ANSI/NISO standard
- User survey
- Player transition study
- Distribution flash cartridge study
- Player and flash-cartridge design contract awarded

- Distribution-system design contract awarded
- Distribution-system design contract Phase I and II
- Preliminary design review
- Player and flash-cartridge developed
- Designed DTB containers and labels
- Web-Magazine pilot concluded
- Web-Book pilot launched
- Digital data management system designed

Start 1/12/04–Finish 10/1/08

The following ongoing projects, set to conclude in 2008, are shown with start dates in parentheses.

- Distribution system implementation (10/1/06)
- Flash-cartridge production (3/1/07)
- Flash-cartridge duplication (5/1/07)
- Manufacture initial lot of DTB containers and labels (8/1/07)
- Full player production (9/1/07)

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<http://www.loc.gov/nls/businessplan/businessplan2006.html>

Newsstand

The following announcements may be of interest to readers. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reserves the right to publish announcements selectively, as space permits. Items mentioned, however, are not part of the NLS program, and their listing does not imply endorsement.

Free Mystic Seaport passes

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped has renewed its membership with Mystic Seaport's association of public libraries and is once again offering NLS patrons use of a free one-day seaport pass. The seaport is a world-renowned, not-for-profit historical and educational institution occupying thirty-seven acres on the Mystic River, near New London, Connecticut. Highlights of the site include restored tall ships, tours by shipwrights and craftsmen, and a variety of exhibit galleries.

The pass entitles two adults and three children or grandchildren under eighteen to free admission to Mystic Seaport on the day of the week specified on the pass. The opportunity is available year-round. The pass will be sent by express delivery and will include a prepaid return envelope.

If interested, e-mail or fax (202) 707-0712, attention Mystic Pass Coordinator, Publications and Media Section. Include your name, street address, telephone number, and the date and day of the week you wish to visit Mystic Seaport. For visitor information, including accessibility details, member-

ship opportunities, directions, lodging, and more, go to www.mysticseaport.org.

EMAX software lets users read and respond to e-mail over the phone

EMAX, a new service available from Electronic Virtual Assistant or EVA, reads e-mail messages to users over the telephone. Users may respond to e-mail messages verbally, and these responses will be recorded and sent as digital sound files. To avoid listening to spam or unwanted e-mails, subscribers may set up a "wanted" e-mail list for EMAX to read. The EMAX service is available to subscribers at the price of \$19.95 per month with a thirty-day free trial. More information is available on the Internet at <http://www.evanow.com/emax/> or by phone at 1-877-447-3382.

Ziegler magazine commemorates a century of service

The *Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the Blind*, the general-interest monthly that Helen Keller called "one of the most wonderful boons in the history of mankind," marked a century of publication with a special edition on March 2007. The magazine is available to any legally blind person at no charge and is available in contracted braille, on four-track/half-speed cassette, by e-mail, and online at www.matildaziegler.org. The magazine can be reached by phone at (212) 242-0263.

The anniversary issue contains items reprinted from the magazine's inaugural issue, including newspaper articles about

the publication's founding and congratulatory letters from Helen Keller and former U.S. presidents Grover Cleveland and Theodore Roosevelt.

The magazine was founded by Matilda Ziegler, who lived from 1841 to 1932 and used her inheritance to establish and endow a foundation for the publication. The magazine reprints articles from four daily newspapers including the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, and the *Washington Post*, and thirty magazines such as *Time*, *Redbook*, *People*, *Oprah*, and the *Saturday Evening Post*. Today, the magazine, popularly known as “the Ziegler,” is read by individuals in ninety-one countries.

Books for Adults

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

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Adult Nonfiction

Listener Supported: The Culture and History of Public Radio BR 16236

by Jack W. Mitchell

3 volumes

National Public Radio's first employee and the original producer of *All Things Considered* relates the history of listener-supported radio in America.

Analyzes the political and economic conditions that led to the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967. Traces the evolution of NPR's shows and examines its critics. 2005.

Schott's Food and Drink Miscellany BR 16251

by Ben Schott

2 volumes

Collection of culinary trivia, companion to *Schott's Original Miscellany* (BR 14934). Topics include spaghetti shapes, egg sizes, slang for drunkenness, cocktail recipes, space food, edible flowers, the Heimlich maneuver, Mrs. Beeton's Christmas Pudding, and the history of popcorn. 2003.

Ty's Tricks BR 16317

by Ty Pennington

2 volumes

The carpenter on The Learning Channel's "Trading Spaces" presents cheap and easy projects to transform any room. Using his "champagne house on a beer budget" home as an example, Pennington discusses flooring, lighting, and painting and offers other repair tips. 2003.

Her Majesty's Spymaster: Elizabeth I, Sir Francis Walsingham, and the Birth of Modern Espionage BR 16338

by Stephen Budiansky

2 volumes

Biography of the Puritan secretary of the Privy Council, who oversaw espionage for British monarch Elizabeth I. Describes ways Walsingham perfected techniques to operate secretly against Mary, Queen of Scots, and the Catholic countries of France and Spain. Explains his use of code breaking and secret agents. Violence. 2005.

The Planets BR 16394

by Dava Sobel

2 volumes

Author of *Galileo's Daughter* (RC 48871) describes the origins and oddities of the planets in our solar system. Each planet inspires the author's reflections on art, culture, or astrology, as well as scientific knowledge. In her essay on the sun, Sobel opines on the birth of the universe. 2005.

Songs of the Blind Snowbird BR 16406

by Robert Michael Jacobs

3 volumes

A gay former graphic designer who lost his eyesight in 1995 from CMV retinitis shares anecdotes that were

published in his Key West newspaper column. Jacobs's accounts reveal his personal struggle to reinvent himself after the diagnosis and relate his emotional and physical experiences of being blind. 2003.

Rocket Boys: A Memoir BR 16411

by Homer H. Hickam Jr.

3 volumes

Retired NASA engineer reminisces about boyhood in West Virginia during the Sputnik era, when his first rocket launch burned down his mother's garden fence. He and his friends improved their models, ultimately winning the 1960 National Science Fair. The movie *October Sky* is based on this book. 1998.

No End in Sight: My Life as a Blind Iditarod Racer BR 16418

by Rachael Scdoris and Rick Steber

3 volumes

Twenty-one-year-old author discusses her Oregon childhood, her experience with low vision, and her determination to become a professional sled dog racer. Describes being introduced to the sport by her father, becoming the youngest athlete to win a five-hundred-mile race, and the obstacles she overcame to qualify for the Iditarod. 2006.

Playing for Knight: My Six Seasons with Coach Knight BR 16419

by Steve Alford

3 volumes

Basketball player describes his career from 1983 to 1989 under college coach Bobby Knight of the Indiana Hoosiers. Highlights important games including the 1984 Olympics, the Big

Ten Conference, and the NCAA championships. Recalls Knight as a demanding and temperamental coach who taught him a work ethic. 1989.

The Coldest Winter: A Stringer in Liberated Europe BR 16451

by Paula Fox

1 volume

Memoir of the young writer Paula Fox, who in 1946 earned enough money to sail from New York to London. She recounts her travels in post-war Europe with little money but many adventures and encounters with interesting people. Sequel to *Borrowed Finery* (BR 14313). 2005.

Weekend Afghans BR 16514

by Jean Leinhauser and Rita Weiss

1 volume

More than fifty patterns to crochet and knit afghans and coverlets using big hooks and needles for speedy projects. Includes step-by-step instructions for lacy knits, granny crochet motifs, ripples, and afghans for babies. Includes a refresher course on basic crochet and knitting techniques. 1987.

Dressing Tips and Clothing Resources for Making Life Easier BR 16516

by Shelley Peterman Schwarz

1 volume

The author, who has multiple sclerosis, discusses finding, making, or altering clothes that are fashionable and easy for people with physical challenges to wear. Includes shopping advice; tips on selecting garments, sizes, and materials; and techniques for making dressing less difficult. Includes resources. 2000.

Sandra Day O'Connor: How the First Woman on the Supreme Court Became Its Most Influential Justice BR 16570

by Joan Biskupic

5 volumes

Traces Sandra Day O'Connor's rise to power culminating in her appointment by President Ronald Reagan in 1981 to be the first female Supreme Court justice. Analyzes O'Connor's position on controversial issues such as abortion, affirmative action, and the death penalty. Discusses her role as a pivotal voter. 2005.

The Scratch of a Pen: 1763 and the Transformation of North America BR 16580

by Colin G. Calloway

3 volumes

Prizewinning professor examines the cultural and political consequences of the 1763 Treaty of Paris, which ended the French and Indian War and yielded French and Spanish territories in southeastern America to British control. Discusses ensuing conflicts between native Americans and European settlers and events that precipitated the American Revolution. 2006.

Rachael Ray Express Lane Meals: What to Keep on Hand, What to Buy Fresh for the Easiest-Ever 30-Minute Meals BR 16618

by Rachael Ray

2 volumes

More wholesome, easy-to-prepare meals from the Food Network television show host and author of *Cooking 'round the Clock* (BR 15827). Lists seventy basic but versatile ingredients, both nonperishable and frozen, to stock. Recipes supplement these sta-

ples with a few fresh items so shoppers can use the express lane. Bestseller. 2006.

Modigliani: A Life BR 16620

by Jeffrey Meyers

3 volumes

Biography of Italian Jewish artist Amedeo Modigliani (1884–1920), who settled in Paris in 1906. Highlights his friendships with other artists including Pablo Picasso and poet Max Jacob, his many love affairs, the bohemian lifestyle that led to his early death, and his posthumous significance in the art world. 2006.

The Little Book of Bridal Etiquette for the Twenty-first Century BR 16622

by Martha A. Woodham

1 volume

Concise guide to proper wedding conduct by *Elegant Bride* magazine's etiquette columnist. Offers time-tested, practical advice for brides-to-be to avoid tackiness and social blunders. Discusses invitations, registration, guest lists, ceremonies, receptions, receiving lines, attire, and family issues. Includes marriage myths, budget tips, and cautionary tales of bad taste. 1995.

Professional Ethics and Etiquette BR 16635

by J.G. Ferguson Publishing Company
1 volume

Advice for developing business character and building professional relationships. Urges readers to assess their own personality, values, strengths, and weaknesses to identify areas needing improvement. Offers tips on becoming more responsible, improving time-management and memory skills, bal-

ancing life and work, and more. For senior high and older readers. 2004.

Stitch 'n Bitch: The Knitter's Handbook BR 16637

by Debbie Stoller

3 volumes

Cofounder of a trendy New York City knitting circle gives a brief history of this needlecraft. Presents the basics: how to cast on, bind off, and knit. Explains advanced stitching and repair techniques and provides details for over thirty projects, including Pippi Kneestockings, Sparkle Hat, and Under the Hoodie. Some strong language. 2003.

Essential Manners for Men: What to Do, When to Do It, and Why BR 16638

by Peter Post

2 volumes

An Emily Post Institute director who is Mrs. Post's great-grandson presents a men's guide to behavior in important personal, social, and job roles. Writing in a conversational tone with numerous anecdotes, Post offers advice on making introductions, understanding bathroom etiquette, dating, entertaining, handling business manners, and more. 2003.

Crazy Horse, the Strange Man of the Oglalas: A Biography BR 16640

by Mari Sandoz

4 volumes

A classic biography of the legendary military leader of the Oglala Sioux, newly introduced by Vine Deloria Jr. in 2004. Covers Crazy Horse's upbringing, nonconformity, battle strategy against the U.S. Army, and death in 1877. Portrays the lives of the Plains

Indians from the 1850s through the 1870s. 1942.

A Man's Whirled: Every Guy's Guide to Cooking with a Blender BR 16641

by Chris Peterson

2 volumes

Simple, no-mess recipes for impressing dates, entertaining friends, and merely surviving. Offers suggestions for weeknight meals and game-day grub as well as cocktails, dips, sauces, spreads, soups, smoothies, breakfast treats, desserts, and more. Includes a section on kitchen basics and tips on grocery shopping, preparation, and serving. 2005.

Staying Safe: A Teen's Guide to Sexually Transmitted Diseases BR 16645

by Miranda Hunter and William Hunter

1 volume

Describes the characteristics of the major sexually transmitted diseases (STDs): gonorrhea, syphilis, chlamydia, herpes, and HIV/AIDS, with brief information on a few others. Includes accounts of teenagers who engaged in unsafe sexual practices. Features advice on the prevention of STDs and corrects misconceptions. For junior and senior high readers. 2005.

The Widow's Financial Survival Guide: Handling Money Matters on Your Own BR 16646

by Nancy Dunnan

3 volumes

Women's guide to short- and long-term legal and financial matters following a spouse's death. Lists ten tasks that need to be done immedi-

ately. Covers obtaining benefits, investing, handling taxes and 401(k)s, setting up credit cards and insurance, and planning for the future. Includes checklists, resources, and advice for young widows. 2003.

Dark Dreams: The Story of Stephen King BR 16681

by Nancy Whitelaw

1 volume

Biography of award-winning horror writer. Discusses King's difficult childhood in Maine, a setting for many of his stories, as well as his adolescence, college years, marriage, and eventual success. Describes King's struggles with censorship, fame, and the creative process. For senior high readers. 2006.

Rebuilt: How Becoming Part Computer Made Me More Human BR 16751

by Michael Chorost

2 volumes

Science writer recounts his decision to get a cochlear implant, or computer surgically imbedded in the skull, to artificially restore hearing after he became totally deaf in 2001. Describes his physical and mental changes and reflects on the implications of technological advances on the deaf community and on humanity. 2005.

Pressure Cooking for Everyone BR 16761

by Rick Rodgers and

Arlene Ward

2 volumes

Dozens of pressure cooker recipes designed to reduce preparation and clean-up times. Explains basic mechanics of pressure cooking as well as

various types, sizes, and safety features. Includes instructions for soups and stocks, main dishes, poultry and seafood, beans, risotto and grains, pasta sauces, vegetables, and desserts. 2000.

Brave New World Revisited BR 16768

by Aldous Huxley

1 volume

Series of essays in which the author examines various threats to human freedom predicted in his 1930s satirical novel *Brave New World* (BR 11922). Discusses overpopulation, government propaganda, brainwashing, chemically induced as well as subconsciously suggested persuasion, and education, along with possible countermeasures. 1958.

Home and Exile BR 16771

by Chinua Achebe

1 volume

Reflecting on his childhood, schooling, and career, renowned Nigerian novelist and poet Chinua Achebe recalls some impacts of European imperialism, which often displaced the African cultures it encountered. Praises writers of his generation for acknowledging the continent's aspirations that are denied by the myth of Western primacy. 2000.

Right on Schedule: A Teen's Guide to Growth and Development BR 16772

by Jean Ford

1 volume

Examines the physical, emotional, and social changes associated with adolescence in girls and boys. Describes what to expect during puberty, such as hair growth and acne. Explains the importance of maintaining proper hy-

giene. Also covers dating and sex, self-esteem issues, and peer pressure. For senior high and older readers. 2005.

Adult Fiction

The Divide BR 16253

by Nicholas Evans

3 volumes

Abbie Cooper, FBI wanted eco-terrorist, is found frozen in Montana. Her parents examine whether their unexpected divorce played a role in Abbie's attraction to the radical Rolf, in her death, and in their son Josh's drug addiction. Strong language, some explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. Bestseller. 2005.

A Long Shadow: An Inspector Ian Rutledge Mystery BR 16305

by Charles Todd

3 volumes

Village of Dudlington, England; 1920. Shell-shocked inspector Ian Rutledge arrives in Northampton to investigate the attack of a constable. He suspects there is a connection between this crime and the previous disappearance of a young woman. Meanwhile, someone from the war stalks Rutledge. 2006.

Out of Season BR 16306

by Robert Bausch

3 volumes

Sheriff David Caldwell arrives at the aging resort town of Columbia Beach to establish a satellite office. He's also meeting his twenty-year-old son, who was released after serving time for killing his little brother. Meanwhile a young woman and the town bully pro-

vide complications. Strong language and some violence. 2005.

The Warrior's Path: The Sacketts BR 16307

by Louis L'Amour

2 volumes

1630. When Yance Sackett's sister-in-law and another young woman are kidnapped by Indians, Yance and his brother Kin traverse the Warrior's Path from the Carolinas to Massachusetts Bay colony. Once the captives are rescued, Kin sails to Jamaica to find the culprits among pirates, cutthroats, and ruthless "businessmen." 1980.

The Greenstone Grail: The Sangreal Trilogy, Book 1 BR 16308

by Amanda Hemingway

3 volumes

In the small English village of Thornyhill, gifted twelve-year-old Nathan Ward realizes he is special when pieces of his dreams become reality, including a legendary greenish stone chalice. When the grail is stolen, Nathan sets out to uncover how it came into his world—and why. 2004.

The Green Lantern: A Romance of Stalinist Russia BR 16311

by Jerome Charyn

2 volumes

Moscow, 1930s. Apprentice Ivan Azerbaijan is cast as Shakespeare's King Lear opposite his beloved, actress Valentina Michaelson, who plays Cordelia. He enters a web of paranoia, brutality, and shifting alliances when his performances draw Soviet leader Joseph Stalin's attention. Some descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. 2004.

Passport Diaries BR 16314

by Tamara T. Gregory

2 volumes

After being suspended from work for clashing with her boss more than once, African American attorney Kia Carson from L.A. takes a European vacation alone. In Greece she bumps into colleague Drew Crokos, who's visiting relatives, and they fall in love. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2005.

Faithless: A Sara Linton Mystery BR 16326

by Karin Slaughter

4 volumes

Georgia medical examiner Sara Linton and her ex-husband, police chief Jeffrey Tolliver, investigate the death of a girl who was buried alive. They suspect a religious cult at the victim's farming collective after yet another grave is discovered. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2005.

Light from Heaven: The Mitford Years, Book 6 BR 16375

by Jan Karon

4 volumes

Father Tim and Cynthia are house-sitting on a farm outside of Mitford when the bishop calls with instructions to jumpstart the revival of Holy Trinity, a mountain church closed forty years ago. Unusual adventures await Father Tim. Sequel to *A New Song* (BR 12273). Bestseller. 2005.

The 5th Horseman: A Women's Murder Club Mystery BR 16377

by James Patterson and

Maxine Paetro

2 volumes

Homicide detective Lindsay Boxer and her colleagues in the Women's Murder Club investigate suspicious deaths at the San Francisco Municipal Hospital, where patients in recovery are suddenly dying at an alarming rate. Clues include buttons on the corpses' eyes. Strong language, some descriptions of sex, and some violence. Bestseller. 2006.

Quid pro Quo BR 16383

by Vicki Grant

1 volume

When fourteen-year-old Cyril MacIntyre's mother disappears, Cyril uses every skill at his disposal to find her. Since Mom is a recent law school graduate who forced Cyril to attend many classes with her, Cyril has more wits than most. A high-interest, low-vocabulary book. For senior high readers. 2005.

Lost BR 16407

by Michael Robotham

3 volumes

Detective Vincent Ruiz, from *Suspect* (BR 15893), has amnesia when police find him wounded in the Thames River. He enlists psychologist Joe O'Loughlin's help to regain his memory and learn why he's been investigating the case of a girl kidnapped three years ago. Violence and strong language. 2006.

Leaving Home BR 16410

by Anita Brookner

2 volumes

Shy London graduate student Emma Roberts leaves home to study in Paris, leaving her lonely widowed mother behind. She befriends Françoise, a happy-go-lucky librarian with a demanding parent of her own. When Emma is orphaned, she must reassess her needs as well as her friendships. 2005.

Sarah's Song: A Red Gloves Novel BR 16412

by Karen Kingsbury

1 volume

South Carolina. On each of the twelve days of Christmas, Sarah Lindeman hangs an ornament on her tree at the retirement home and sings about her late husband. This year she hopes that the ritual will help caregiver Beth Baldwin, a young mother who is contemplating divorce. 2004.

How I Paid for College: A Novel of Sex, Theft, Friendship, and Musical Theater BR 16414

by Marc Acito

3 volumes

New Jersey, 1983. Edward Zanni dreams of attending Juilliard, but his father Al won't pay. As Ed and his friends conspire to steal money from Al and his trophy wife, Ed finds himself attracted to both his girlfriend and a football player. Explicit descriptions of sex and strong language. 2004.

The Gutter and the Grave BR 16415

by Ed McBain

2 volumes

Bowery bum Matt Cordell was once a successful private investigator but

turned to alcohol after discovering his wife's infidelity. When former neighbor Johnny Bridges asks him to investigate thefts from his business, Cordell uncovers murder and a femme fatale in the form of singer Laraine Marsh. Some strong language. 1958.

The Goodness Gene BR 16420

by Sonia Levitin

2 volumes

2305. The Supreme Compassionate Director, a benign dictator, grooms his sixteen-year-old twins Will and Berk to become leaders. When Will tours a colony he learns the truth about his father's kingdom—and about the historical figure the brothers are clones of. For senior high readers. 2005.

There's Something about Christmas BR 16483

by Debbie Macomber

2 volumes

Small town reporter Emma Collins's first major assignment for the Puyallup, Washington, newspaper is to interview finalists in a fruitcake competition. Local pilot Oliver Hamilton flies Emma around the state to visit the three very wise woman bakers, and he and Emma end up falling in love. Includes recipes. 2005.

Blue Moon BR 16485

by Marilyn Halvorson

1 volume

Seventeen-year-old Bobbie Jo buys a blue roan mare and tries to train her to be a champion barrel racer. Neighbor and classmate Cole McCall helps coach the horse, but he proves to be a big distraction. A high-interest, low-vocabulary book. For senior high readers. 2004.

Tomb of the Golden Bird: An Amelia Peabody Mystery, Book 18 BR 16562

by Elizabeth Peters

4 volumes

Egypt, 1922. As archaeologist Amelia Emerson watches her rivals dig for King Tutankhamon's tomb, villains lure her husband, Radcliffe, and son, Ramses, into a trap. The attack coincides with the arrival of Radcliffe's half brother, Sethos, an antiquities thief-turned-British intelligence agent, who conceals a document that may endanger everyone. 2006.

Riding Gain: A Talk Radio Mystery BR 16577

by Joyce Krieg

2 volumes

Sacramento radio talk show host Shauna Bogart struggles with work problems when her boss forces her to give air time to a psychic. Then someone kills Shauna's former intern during a drug deal, and the grandmother of the accused killer asks Shauna to prove the grandson's innocence. 2005.

The Bar Code Tattoo BR 16578

by Suzanne Weyn

2 volumes

In the year 2025 the government tattoos a bar code on everyone at age seventeen. When sixteen-year-old Kayla's father commits suicide after receiving a belated bar code, Kayla joins a protest group led by classmate Mfumbe. Soon they are on the run. Some violence. For senior high readers. 2004.

Cat Breaking Free: A Joe Grey Mystery BR 16579

by Shirley Rousseau Murphy

3 volumes

Feline Joe Grey and his friends Dulcie and Kit discover that a motorcycle gang is hiding in tranquil Molena Point, California. The bad guys are breaking into local establishments and caging feral cats. Joe also suspects that his human's new girlfriend may be one of the outlaws. Some violence. 2005.

Everyman BR 16617

by Philip Roth

1 volume

An aging advertising man confronts the loneliness of growing old, regrets his philandering and other faults, and ponders his failing sexual and physical self. He reviews his life chronologically and feels sorry for hurting those he loved, including his estranged sons and three ex-wives. Strong language. Bestseller. 2006.

Drive BR 16632

by James Sallis

1 volume

A Hollywood stunt man named "Driver" moonlights at night driving getaway cars for random criminals. When a heist goes bad, a contract is put on Driver's head, but he protects himself and exacts his revenge in the Arizona desert. Violence and strong language. 2005.

Kissing Vanessa BR 16634

by Simon Cheshire

1 volume

Fifteen-year-old Kevin falls in love at first sight with Vanessa, the new girl at his British school. Kevin tries out the pointers his best friend Jack gives him

to win her but only looks more nerdy when the ideas backfire. For senior high readers. 2003.

The Dragon Quintet BR 16642

edited by Marvin Kaye

2 volumes

Stories by Orson Scott Card, Elizabeth Moon, Tanith Lee, Mercedes Lackey, and Michael Swanwick. In Lee's "Love in a Time of Dragons," a tavern girl prefers the company of dragons to that of lustful men. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 2003.

Anansi Boys BR 16644

by Neil Gaiman

3 volumes

Fat Charlie considers his father's behavior so embarrassing that even the way he dies in a karaoke bar seems undignified. Then the arrival of a previously unknown brother named Spider, who is so much like their father, turns Charlie's life upside down. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2005.

The Woman Who Waited BR 16648

by Andreï Makine

1 volume

A twenty-six-year-old Russian researcher visits a remote village and meets Vera, a schoolteacher, who for thirty years has awaited the return of her soldier lover, reported killed in 1945. The visitor strives to understand Vera's stoic vigil and falls in love.

Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2004.

One More Step BR 16696

by Sheree Fitch

1 volume

At first, fourteen-year-old Julian resents his mother's happiness with her

new boyfriend Jean-Paul. But after Julian meets Jean-Paul's large family in Quebec and loses his own grandfather, he realizes that he also needs close relationships. Uncontracted braille. For senior high readers. 2002.

Terrorist BR 16697

by John Updike

3 volumes

Fatherless eighteen-year-old Ahmad—half Irish, half Egyptian—has been under the influence of imam Shaikh Rashid since he was eleven. Ahmad's Jewish guidance counselor in his inner-city New Jersey high school offers help, but Ahmad agrees to commit violence for his religious beliefs.

Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2006.

Bro BR 16766

by Robert Newton Peck

1 volume

Florida, 1933. Witnessing his grandfather's brutality six years ago left Tug Dockery unable to speak. Now, after his parents' deaths, the nine-year-old must go live on the grandfather's cattle ranch. Tug's beloved brother, Broda, escapes imprisonment to try to rescue Tug. Some violence. For junior and senior high readers. 2004.

Books for Children

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

Children's Nonfiction

Ripley's Believe It or Not! Special Edition 2005 BR 16337

by Mary Packard

1 volume

Strange but true "fascinating facts, amazing acts, and bizarre behavior, all based on the files of Robert Ripley."

Entries range from devoted dogs and unusual pets to wordplay and advertising, zany transportation, sports events, medical mysteries, and quirky "odds and ends." Uncontracted braille. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 2004.

Reaching for the Moon BR 16359

by Buzz Aldrin

1 volume

The second astronaut to set foot on the moon recalls events in his life. Discusses the character traits that helped him participate in the space program. Describes his feelings about being on the first mission to the moon. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4. 2005.

My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. BR 16360

by Christine King Farris

1 volume

Author fondly recalls childhood memories of her younger brother Martin Luther King Jr., a civil rights activist. She describes their childhood games and pranks and upbringing in the segregated South. Shares inspirational family stories that influenced Dr.

King's outlook. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 2003.

Michael Rosen's Sad Book BR 16361

by Michael Rosen

1 volume

A father describes the sadness and other strong feelings he experiences after the death of his son. He tells how he tries to cope with his grief. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 2004.

Surprising Sharks BR 16362

by Nicola Davies

1 volume

Introduces different species and sizes of sharks, pointing out the physical characteristics and behavior that make these sea creatures such efficient hunters. Reports that while sharks kill six humans every year, people kill six million sharks in a year. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2003.

Reflections of a Peacemaker: A Portrait through Heartsongs BR 16385

by Mattie J.T. Stepanek

2 volumes

Final collection of works by the young poet who succumbed to an incurable disease at age thirteen. His mother selected some two hundred poems to create a window into Mattie's life, mind, and spirit. Sequel to *Hope through Heartsongs* (BR 14065). For grades 3-6 and older readers. 2005.

A Pride of African Tales BR 16392

by Donna L. Washington

1 volume

Six folktales from West Africa. "The Boy Who Wanted the Moon" is a "pourquoi" tale from the Congo that explains why there are monkeys in the

world. It tells about “a spoiled child, his doting father, and a great deal of foolishness.” For grades 4-7 and older readers. 2004.

Planets around the Sun BR 16445

by Seymour Simon
1 volume

Introduces the nine planets of our solar system. For grades K-3. 2002.

The Tales of Uncle Remus: The Adventures of Brer Rabbit BR 16692

retold by Julius Lester
1 volume

A retelling of forty-eight Brer Rabbit tales in “modified, contemporary, Southern black English,” with modern allusions. Includes “How the Animals Came to Earth,” “Brer Rabbit and the Tar Baby,” and “Brer Rabbit Tricks Brer Bear.” For grades 5-8 and older readers. Coretta Scott King Award. 1987.

Long Ball: The Legend and Lore of the Home Run BR 16700

by Mark Stewart and Mike Kennedy
1 volume

Discusses the history of the home run and profiles the greatest hitters including Babe Ruth, Hank Aaron, and Mark McGwire. Recalls the most famous home runs and presents little-known facts about the longest, shortest, and strangest. For grades 4-7. 2006.

Buffalo BR 16756

by Harold Picton
1 volume

Traces the natural history of the North American plains and wood bison. Covers their origins, physical characteristics, behavior, and life cycle as well as folklore about them. Explains their

near extinction and the successful conservation efforts that developed modern herds. For grades 6-9. 2005.

Life of a Medieval Knight BR 16770

by James A. Corrick
1 volume

Focuses on knighthood between the twelfth and fourteenth centuries when it flourished in Europe. Discusses the different stages of training—page, squire, and knight—and various means of earning money. Covers methods of attack, including sieges and close-quarter. Describes the Crusades, feudalism, and the end of chivalry. For grades 5-8. 2001.

Now and Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin BR 17002

by Gene Barretta
1 volume

Discusses inventions of Benjamin Franklin (1706–1790) that are still in use today, such as bifocal glasses, lightning rods, rocking chairs, and flippers for swimming. Mentions Franklin’s establishment of public services like libraries and his written documents, including the Declaration of Independence. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4. 2006.

Children’s Fiction

Miss Rumphius BR 16046

by Barbara Cooney
1 volume

Young Alice recounts the life of the Lupine Lady—her great-aunt Alice Rumphius, who, as a little girl, loved the sea, longed to visit faraway places, and wished to make the world more

beautiful. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1982.

Terrific BR 16049

by Jon Agee
1 volume

Eugene, a grumpy old man who mutters a sarcastic "terrific" to everything, is shipwrecked on an island. A talking parrot befriends him, helps him get off the island, and changes the way Eugene says his favorite word. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2005.

Three French Hens: A Holiday Tale BR 16050

by Margie Palatini
1 volume

When three French hens arrive unexpectedly at Phil Fox's apartment in the Bronx, all he sees are three possible meals. But he changes his mind when the good-hearted hens show him the true meaning of Christmas. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2005.

The Legend of Luke: Redwall Abbey BR 16309

by Brian Jacques
3 volumes

Mouse Martin the Warrior sets out from Redwall Abbey to journey to the northland shore, his birthplace. There he learns about the brave and noble deeds of his father, Luke—a warrior chieftain—and uncovers mysteries about the Abbey's early years. For grades 5-8. 1999.

Inkspell BR 16310

by Cornelia Funke
5 volumes

One year after Meggie's adventures in *Inkheart* (BR 14997), Dustfinger—the fire-eater brought into being from words—desperately needs to return to

the original tale. Meggie, her parents, and Dustfinger's apprentice Farid follow him and soon are caught inside Inkworld, too. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 2005.

The Long Patrol: Redwall Abbey BR 16312

by Brian Jacques
3 volumes

A frisky young hare called Tammo exchanges imaginary enemies for real ones when his mother sends him to join the Long Patrol of warrior hares. He proves his mettle in the defense of Redwall Abbey against the Rapsclions led by the Greatrat Damug Warfang. For grades 5-8. 1997.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas BR 16316

by Dr. Seuss
1 volume

The Grinch, whose heart is two sizes too small, tries to abolish Christmas by stealing all the presents from the people in the valley. For grades K-3. 1957.

Pearls of Lutra: Redwall Abbey BR 16332

by Brian Jacques
3 volumes

Redwall Abbey has a hidden treasure of six large, pink pearls. Hedgehog maid Tansy is determined to find them but so is Emperor Ublaz, who stole them years ago from the otters of Holt Lutra. Meanwhile Martin the Warrior attempts to rescue the kidnapped Abbott Durrall. For grades 5-8. 1996.

Show Way BR 16358

by Jacqueline Woodson

1 volume

Sewing has helped the author's family find the road to freedom. This tradition began with mothers and daughters who made "show ways," patchwork quilts designed to reveal escape routes from slavery. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4 and older readers. Newbery Honor. 2005.

The Original *Curious George* BR 16363

by H.A. Rey

1 volume

George is a little monkey who lives in Africa. His curiosity leads to his capture by the man in the big yellow hat and lands him in many adventures before he arrives at his new home in a city zoo. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1941.

Easter Egg Disaster: A Harry and Emily Adventure BR 16381

by Karen Gray Ruelle

1 volume

Harry and Emily, cat brother and sister, make a mess when they dye Easter eggs and hide them to surprise their parents. Beginning chapter book. For grades K-3. 2004.

Frog and Toad All Year BR 16395

by Arnold Lobel

1 volume

Five stories celebrating Frog and Toad's friendship and activities through all the seasons of the year, from sledding in winter to eating ice cream in summer. Beginning reader. For grades K-3. 1976.

The Incredible Journey BR 16409

by Sheila Burnford

1 volume

A Siamese cat, an old bull terrier, and a young Labrador retriever travel 250 miles together through the Canadian wilderness to find their family. Along the way they face the dangers of starvation, wild animals, and natural disasters. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1960.

The Jungle Book: The Mowgli Stories BR 16413

by Rudyard Kipling

2 volumes

Eight stories about the adventures of Mowgli, a boy reared by a pack of wolves in a jungle in India. Presented in Kipling's preferred arrangement. Includes a ninth non-Mowgli tale, "Rikki-tikki-tavi," about a valiant mongoose. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1894.

The Hundred Dresses BR 16416

by Eleanor Estes

1 volume

The girls in her class mock Wanda Petronski because she claims to have a hundred dresses lined up in her closet but wears the same faded dress every day. And they tease her about her Polish last name. Then Wanda stops coming to school. For grades 3-6. Newbery Honor. 1944.

The Complete Tales of Winnie-the-Pooh BR 16417

by A.A. Milne

2 volumes

The adventures of Christopher Robin, a boy, and his favorite companions—

Winnie-the-Pooh, a bear; Eeyore, an old grey donkey; and Rabbit, Piglet, Kanga, and Baby Roo. Contains the unabridged texts of *Winnie-the-Pooh*, first published in 1926, and *The House at Pooh Corner*, from 1928. For grades K-3 and older readers. 1994.

**Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH
BR 16422**

by Robert C. O'Brien
2 volumes

Threatened with the loss of home and family, Mrs. Frisby, a widowed field mouse, seeks help from a colony of rats. Escapees from the NIMH laboratory, these superintelligent rats provide a solution to her dilemma. For grades 4-7. Newbery Medal. 1971.

Babe: The Gallant Pig BR 16423

by Dick King-Smith
1 volume

A piglet named Babe comes to Farmer Hogget's farm, where he is adopted by an old sheepdog. Soon Babe handles the farmer's flock of sheep so well that the farmer enters Babe in a sheepdog contest. For grades 3-6. 1983.

Outlaw Princess of Sherwood: A Tale of Rowan Hood BR 16424

by Nancy Springer
1 volume

When King Solon the Red tried to marry off his daughter Princess Ettarde, she ran away and joined Rowan Hood's outlaw band. Now to lure Ettarde, the king imprisons her mother, the queen, in a cage in cold Sherwood Forest. Sequel to *Lionclaw* (BR 14876). For grades 4-7. 2003.

Chico BR 16446

by Sandra Day O'Connor
1 volume

Six-year-old Sandra loves the animals on her family's Arizona ranch, especially the small horse, Chico. While Sandra is riding Chico to go check on a baby calf, a rattlesnake startles Chico. Sandra must think quickly. Autobiographical story by the first woman justice on the Supreme Court. For grades K-3. 2005.

Make Way for Ducklings BR 16447

by Robert McCloskey
1 volume

Five helpful Boston policemen stop busy city traffic so that Mrs. Mallard can move her family of eight ducklings from their island in the Charles River to their new home in the Public Garden. For grades K-3. Caldecott Medal. 1941.

The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy BR 16482

by Jeanne Birdsall
2 volumes

A widowed father takes his four daughters, aged four through twelve, and the family dog on a three-week vacation at a cottage on a Berkshire Mountain estate. The girls make friends with the owner's son, much to his snobbish mother's dismay. For grades 4-7. National Book Award. 2005.

**Mariel of Redwall: Redwall Abbey
BR 16572**

by Brian Jacques
3 volumes

Mousemaid Mariel undertakes a quest for vengeance against the searat

Gabool and his Rodent Corsairs, who imprisoned her father and left her to drown at sea. She journeys to Redwall Abbey and finds stalwart companions to accompany her through the Mossflower woods back to Gabool's stronghold. For grades 5-8. 1991.

Gulliver in Lilliput BR 16693

retold by Margaret Hodges
1 volume

On a voyage in the South Seas, an Englishman finds himself shipwrecked in Lilliput, a land where the people are only six inches high. For grades 3-6. 1995.

Annie and the Old One BR 16694

by Miska Miles
1 volume

Annie, a young Navajo girl, is upset thinking her grandmother could die. When her grandmother announces that she will return to the earth when the rug on the loom is finished, Annie tries to stop the weaving. For grades 3-6. Newbery Honor. 1971.

Green Eggs and Ham BR 16721

by Dr. Seuss
1 volume

In this rhyming story, Sam-I-Am follows his companion everywhere, begging him to taste a dish of green eggs and ham. Uncontracted braille. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1960.

The Foot Book BR 16722

by Dr. Seuss
1 volume

Rhythmic tale about the many kinds of feet you meet—front feet, back feet, red feet, black feet—depending on whom they belong to. Uncontracted

braille. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1968.

Dr. Seuss's ABC BR 16723

by Dr. Seuss
1 volume

Rhymes for each letter in the alphabet using rhythm and repetition as learning tools. "BIG C / little c / What begins with C? / Camel on the ceiling / C....c....C." Uncontracted braille. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1963.

The Cat in the Hat BR 16724

by Dr. Seuss
1 volume

A story in rhyme about two bored children sitting at home on a rainy day while their mother is out. Then the Cat in the Hat arrives on their doormat to show them good fun with his tricks and games. Uncontracted braille. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 1957.

Figgs and Phantoms BR 16749

by Ellen Raskin
1 volume

Chronicles the fantastic adventures of the Figg family after they leave show business and settle in the town of Pineapple. Young Mona's favorite relative is her Uncle Florence, a book dealer who is leaving soon for mysterious Capri. For grades 5-8. Newbery Honor Book. 1974.

Click, Clack, Quackity-Quack: An Alphabetical Adventure BR 17001

by Doreen Cronin
1 volume

An assortment of farm animals, previously met in *Click, Clack, Moo* (BR 13089), enjoy a wonderful picnic

going through the letters of the alphabet. PRINT/BRAILLE. For pre-school-grade 2. 2005.

Bebé Goes Shopping BR 17003

by Susan Middleton Elya

1 volume

Rhyming text describes a trip to the supermercado for a Mamá and her sweet Bebé, who can't keep his hands inside the shopping cart until they reach the animal crackers. Includes a glossary of Spanish words. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 2006.

Bad Boys BR 17004

by Margie Palatini

1 volume

Willy and Wally, two big, bad wolves, dress in sheep's clothing to hide out with the flock and steal some lamb. But Betty Mutton sees through their disguises and has her own plan for the newcomers. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2003.

Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

Boys' Life (for children and teens, monthly)
Braille Book Review (bimonthly)
Braille Chess Magazine (British quarterly)
Braille Music Magazine (British monthly)
Conundrum (British monthly)
Cooking Light (10 issues)
ESPN: The Magazine (biweekly)
Harper's (literary; monthly)
Health Newsletters (includes **Harvard Health Letter**, **Mayo Clinic Health Letter**, and **University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter**; monthly)
Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine (monthly)
Ladies' Home Journal (monthly)
Martha Stewart Living (home and entertaining; 10 issues)
Muse (for children; 10 issues)
The Musical Mainstream (quarterly)
National Geographic (monthly)
The New York Times Large Type Weekly (weekly)
News (NLS quarterly)
Parenting (monthly except January and July)
PC World (personal computing; monthly)
Playboy (monthly)
Poetry (11 issues)

Popular Communications (monthly)
Popular Mechanics (monthly)
Popular Music Lead Sheets (irregular)
Rolling Stone (popular culture; 24 issues)
Science News (weekly)
Seventeen (for teens; monthly)
Short Stories (British monthly)
Spider: The Magazine for Children (monthly)
Stone Soup (children's writings; 5 issues)
Update (NLS quarterly)
The Washington Post Book World (weekly)

The following sports schedules are also available:

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National Football League Schedule
National Hockey League Schedule
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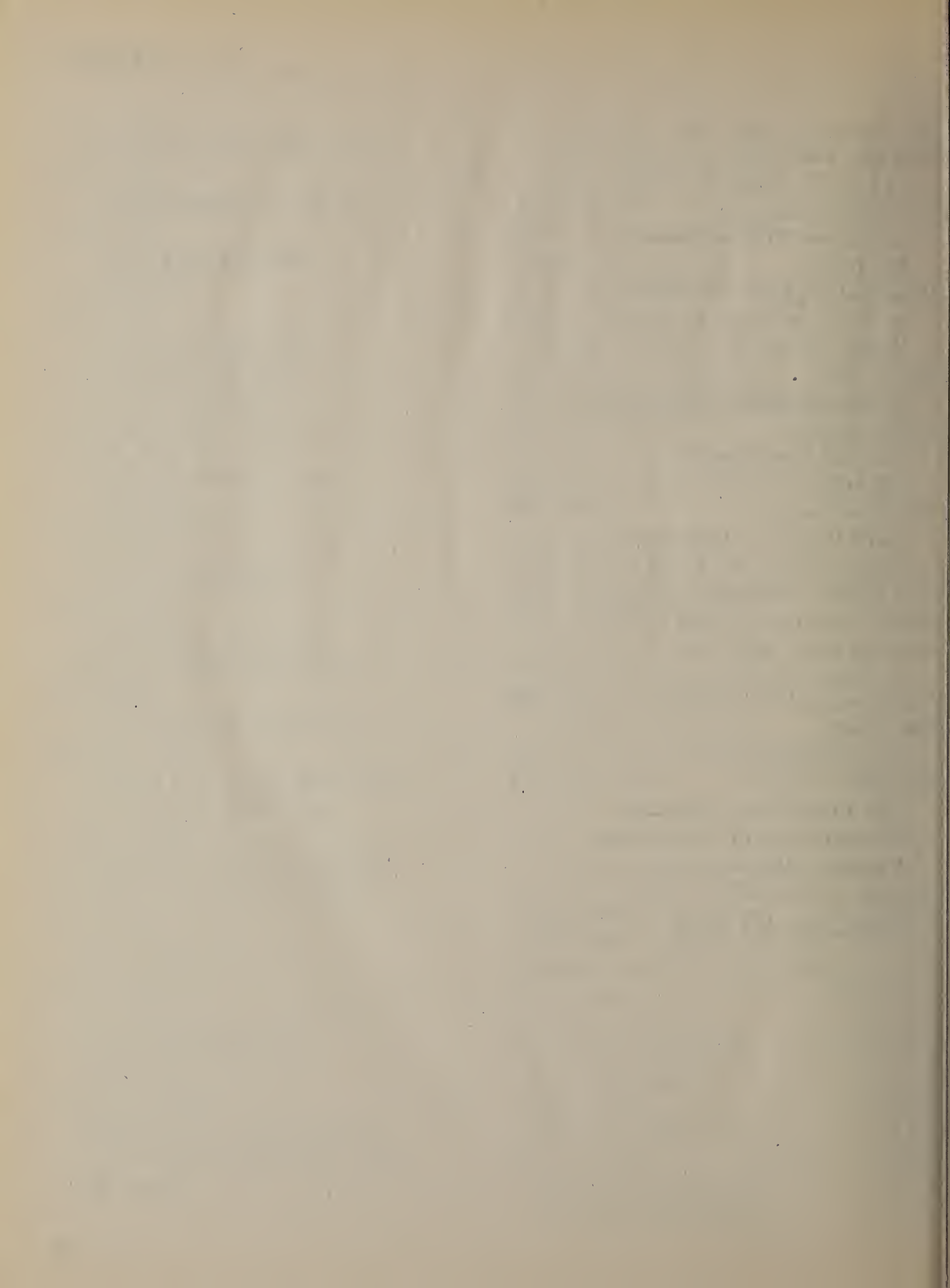
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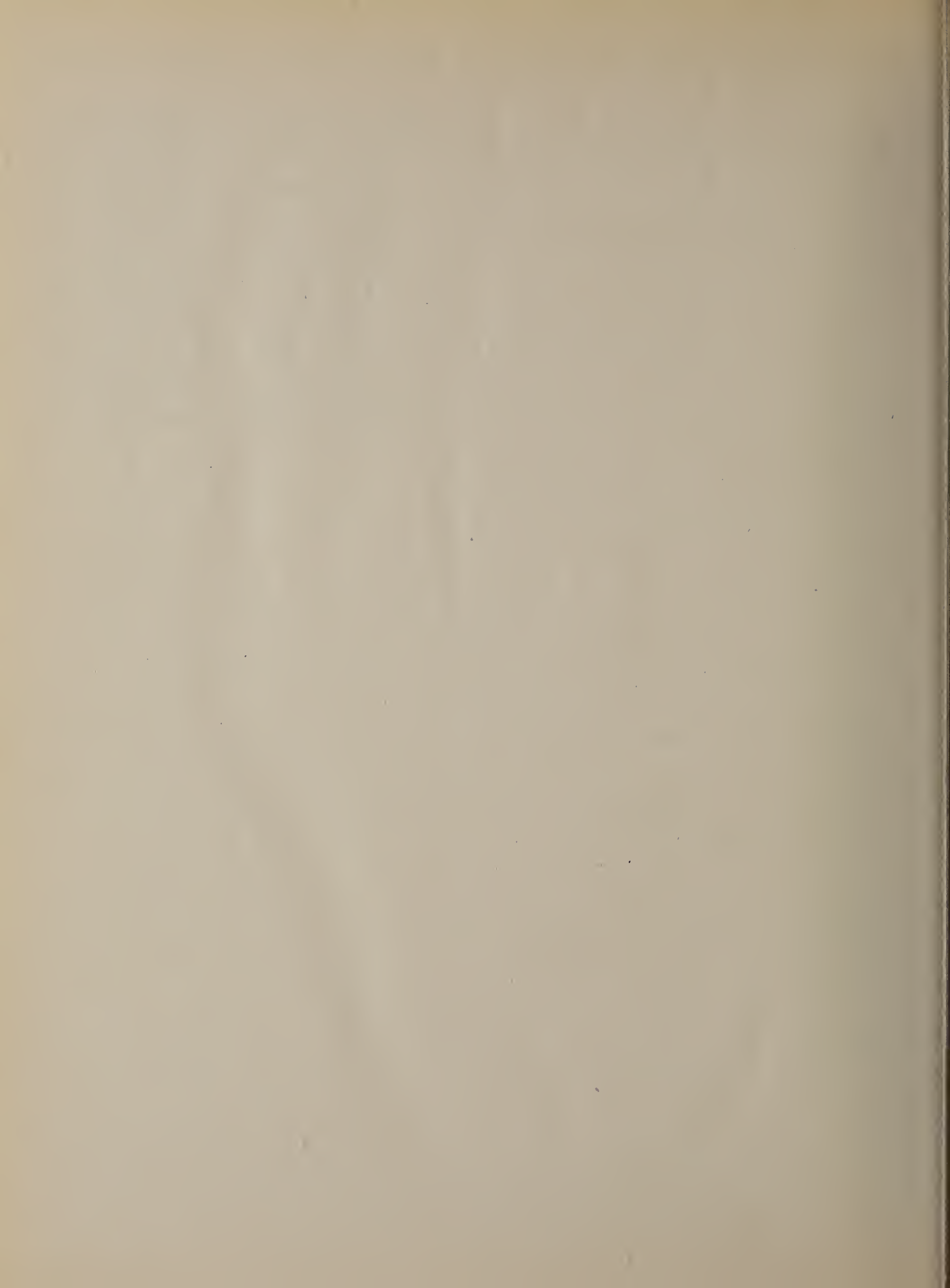
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In Brief

Journal Français merges with *France-Amérique*

In April 2007, the monthly French-language publication *Journal Français* merged with the biweekly newspaper *France-Amérique*. Current subscribers to *Journal Français* will continue to receive the revamped publication, *France-Amérique*, every two weeks.

France-Amérique features French news analysis, trends, interviews, book and film reviews, travel advice, gastronomy, resources on French-language skills, and information on the French-American community in the United States.

The following information is reprinted from two issues of NLS *Flash*, a newsletter created to bring current information on NLS progress in digital technology to patrons, library staff, and other interested individuals.

Flash, February–March 2007, volume 3, issue 3

Network libraries prepare for distribution of digital talking books and players

With the launch of digital talking books and players less than a year away, the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), Library of Congress, is preparing the network of cooperating libraries for the transition. The Digital Transition

Advisory Committee, established to advise NLS and to help communicate distribution plans to librarians and patrons, is playing an important role in the preparations. The group met for the first time on January 30–31 to discuss the draft transition plans and develop methods of informing the network agencies about them.

“NLS wishes to ensure network libraries have all the resources necessary for a successful digital conversion,” says NLS director Frank Kurt Cylke. “The recent meeting provided an invaluable opportunity to inform committee members about current distribution plans, seek their advice, and address challenges libraries may face as they begin distributing players and circulating digital audio-books.”

The funding factor

The committee, which succeeds the Digital Long-Term Planning Group, examined a range of issues. Following presentations on the current transition budget, the digital transition time line, and the status of digital talking-book development, the committee considered how resource availability at the time of implementation might affect libraries. More specifically, the group discussed how individual library funding will impact book and player distribution, shelving options, title duplication, circulation system modifications, and digital-book copy allotment.

Due to technical and cost-related factors, NLS has altered its original plans for digital audiobook distribution. Instead of immediately implementing a hybrid model—mass producing popular titles

while duplicating low-demand titles on an as-needed basis—NLS has determined to mass duplicate all digital-book titles. An efficient hybrid system is not yet feasible because effective duplication-on-demand technologies are as yet insufficiently refined, and diverse library circulation systems would be unprepared to sustain the disruptions duplication-on-demand implementation would be likely to entail. NLS plans to revisit hybrid-system development concepts once full mass-duplication implementation has been accomplished—approximately three to five years after the primary system has been launched and adjusted.

The committee also discussed copy allotment issues. The cost of flash-memory cartridges, which is likely to drop significantly during the next several years, will play a key role in determining the number of copies of individual titles available to libraries throughout the transition. After some discussion, the committee agreed that possible temporary copy allotment reductions could probably be offset through careful management of such variables as declining cartridge costs, cartridge recycling, the use of interlibrary loan, and perhaps some innovative short-term centralized storage strategies.

The NLS equipment control officer briefed the Digital Transition Advisory Committee on NLS policies concerning digital talking-book machine distribution. National readership levels will determine the number of players each regional library will receive. Regional libraries will decide how to allot players to subregional libraries.

As for player distribution to patrons, veterans and Ten-Squared Talking-Book Club members (those readers 100 years of age and older) will receive first consideration. Beyond these priorities, each network library must establish its own lending policies.

Other issues the committee addressed included the learning curve associated with operating new technology, the need to develop a tracking system to ensure the safe return of the digital devices, digital-book shelving requirements, future digital-book download capabilities, digital magazine format, distinguishing advanced from basic players, and demonstrating the new players at 2008 consumer conventions. The group agreed to revisit each topic in detail in the coming months.

Transition communication

In addition to discussing the challenges libraries may experience during implementation, the committee looked at effective ways by which network library staff could be kept up to date on transition developments. Because funding and technology-related factors will affect player distribution throughout the transition, it is especially important to keep libraries apprised of changes throughout the process. The committee proposed various communication efforts to facilitate the flow of information. These included online instruction and discussion sessions and a communication plan to supplement the *Flash* newsletter.

Communication with patrons was an important issue for the group. Members were particularly concerned with how to address misconceptions patrons may have regarding production and allocation of

digital players—a process that will occur over a four-year period beginning in 2008. NLS agreed to the committee's request to circulate the current digital transition time line among libraries and patrons. The committee further decided to share this information with patrons through local communication channels.

NLS Network Division chief and committee chair Carolyn Sung said that “the central goal is to get the new talking books and players into our patrons' hands as efficiently as possible. Flexibility and open communication channels are fundamental to making that happen.”

Finally, the committee considered how to inform patrons of digital title availability. After some discussion, the group agreed that the current method of announcing new cassette titles—through listings in the bimonthly patron publication *Talking Book Topics*—should be supplemented with a special notation to indicate the availability of the books in digital format.

Moving ahead

At the end of the first Digital Transition Advisory Committee meeting, NLS was better equipped to move forward with two distribution-related projects. During the upcoming prelaunch test, patrons selected by eight regional libraries will test prototypes of the digital talking books and players. Also, NLS will examine digital copy allotment of older book titles. Both projects will ensure that distribution plans stay on course.

Members of the Digital Transition Advisory Committee

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- David Andrews, National Federation of the Blind

Network libraries

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Library of Congress marks the end of an era and embarks on another

Last analog cassette player produced, ushering in a digital era

February 17, 2007, was a historic day for the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), Library of Congress, as it produced its last cassette book machine (CBM).

During a ceremony held on March 1, 2007, in Blue Earth, Minnesota, Telex Communications, Inc., presented NLS with the milestone C-1 player—the 1,248,113th unit manufactured by the company since 1983. This event marks the end of the analog machine's successful era and signals NLS's foray into the production and distribution phase of digital talking books (DBs) and players.

"Analog audiocassette and cassette-book machine technology has been the backbone of the NLS system, but it is outdated and nearing the end of its useful life," said Frank Kurt Cylke, NLS director. "Our patrons have heightened expectations of service improvements, especially those who are tech savvy. Their expectations, along with the impending obsolescence of key elements of analog technology, warrant the conversion to a digital system."

The CBM has proven popular, reliable, and useful to generations of talking-book readers. Since 1969, 1.5 million CBMs have been manufactured and distributed to more than 25 million NLS patrons.

These machines were designed to play audiocassettes recorded at 15/16 inches per second on 4-track tapes, allowing up to six hours of playback time per cassette. Throughout the machine's existence, NLS has continuously enhanced the machine's functionality. However, recent advances in digital technology promise to further improve the patron experience.

Spare parts purchase

Despite the digital transition, NLS will continue to support the needs of cassette book readers. CBMs will remain in circulation throughout the transition period until digital titles and players are fully integrated.

"Though production of the CBM has ceased, NLS will continue to provide CBMs from our existing inventory and cassette audiobooks to our patrons during the transition to digital talking books and players," said Michael Katzmann, chief, Materials Development Division. "The use of CBMs will decline rapidly with the introduction of the digital player; however, we expect some patrons to continue using CBMs beyond 2012."

CBMs will be needed for patrons wishing to read audiobooks that have not been converted to digital. Additionally, some people will prefer using familiar technology. To ensure ongoing availability of CBMs through 2011, the full transition period, NLS invested nearly \$5.6 million in spare parts to repair CBMs as needed. NLS researched and analyzed the repairs made over the past several years to determine which parts would be needed to keep CBMs functioning through 2011. The spare parts purchased—mostly rubber parts and playback

heads—will be used for routine repairs needed to keep the CBMs in working order.

In total, sixty-six different types of parts were purchased to repair up to 575,000 machines. These parts are expected to last as long as the current life cycle of the C-1 player, which is estimated at ten years. C-1 No. 1248113, the last CBM manufactured, is expected to be in service until the digital transition is complete.

Moving forward

With CBM manufacturing past, NLS is fully focused on producing and distributing digital talking books and players. Flash-cartridge procurement has already started and will be followed by flash-cartridge production and duplication. In August, NLS expects to begin manufacturing the initial lot of DB containers and labels. This is the last step prior to full player procurement.

Digital Talking Book (DB) Milestones

Completed

- Defined and prioritized DB features
- Coordinated development and publication of *Specifications for the Digital Talking Book (ANSI/NISO Z39.86)*
- Simulated DB player using a personal computer
- Developed computer-based, life-cycle cost analysis (LCC) model for the NLS system and for candidate digital systems

- Developed computer software for DB production and presentation
- Developed software to test conformance of players and DBs with the ANSI/NISO standard
- User survey
- Player transition study
- Distribution flash cartridge study
- Player and flash-cartridge design contract awarded
- Distribution-system design contract awarded
- Distribution-system design contract Phase I and II
- Preliminary design review
- Player and flash cartridge developed
- Designed DB containers and labels
- Web-Magazine pilot concluded
- Web-Book pilot launched
- Digital data-management system designed

Start 1/12/04–Finish 10/1/08

The following ongoing projects, set to conclude in 2008, are shown with start dates in parentheses.

- Distribution system implementation (10/1/06)
- Flash cartridge production (3/1/07)
- Flash cartridge duplication (5/1/07)
- Manufacture initial lot of DB containers and labels (8/1/07)
- Full player production (9/1/07)

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To view the Strategic Business Plan on the Web, visit:

<http://www.loc.gov/nls/businessplan/businessplan2006.html>

Newsstand

The following announcements may be of interest to readers. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reserves the right to publish announcements selectively, as space permits. Items mentioned, however, are not part of the NLS program, and their listing does not imply endorsement.

2007 braille college football schedule available

The 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) braille college football schedule is available again this year, including 119 Division 1-A and some requested Division 1-AA teams. Also included are the results of the 2006–2007 bowls, the Associated Press top twenty-five final polls, the 2007–2008 bowl schedule, and more. The cost of the schedule is \$10.00.

To order, contact:

Allen H. Gillis
302 Schaeffel Road
Cullman, AL 35055

(Please make checks payable to Allen H. Gillis.) For more information, call (256) 734-4047 or e-mail him at gill4047@bellsouth.net.

Biography of Louis Braille wins book award

The biography *Louis Braille: A Touch of Genius* (BR 16790), published by the National Braille Press, was selected as a winner at the May 2007 New England Book Show. The book, by C. Michael Mellor, won in the category General Trade, Illustrated. The book is among 160,000 new titles published in the United States every year.

The annual juried New England Book Show, which has been held in Boston since 1956, recognizes the year's most outstanding works by New England publishers, printers, and graphic designers. Books are selected for their design, quality of materials, and workmanship.

NLS patrons may request *Louis Braille: A Touch of Genius* from their local libraries. To purchase the book, contact the National Braille Press at 88 St. Stephen Street, Boston, MA 02115-4302; visit its web site at www.nbp.org; or call 800-548-7323 or (617) 266-6160, extension 20.



Books for Adults

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

Note: For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word “some” before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in “some strong language.”

Adult Nonfiction

Empire of the Stars: Obsession, Friendship, and Betrayal in the Quest for Black Holes BR 16322

by Arthur I. Miller

5 volumes

Examines the history of astrophysics in the early twentieth century when the concept of black holes was hotly debated by a young graduate student from India and a leading British scientist. Discusses their professional rivalry and its repercussions on their personal lives and the scientific community. 2005.

Einstein's Heroes: Imagining the World through the Language of Mathematics BR 16329

by Robyn Arianrhod

3 volumes

Combines history, biography, and science to portray the ways in which Einstein's respect for Isaac Newton, Michael Faraday, and James Clerk Maxwell helped formulate his theories of relativity. Discusses Maxwell's equations for electricity and magnetism and the relevance of mathematics

in building models of physical discovery. 2005.

The Money Book for the Young, Fabulous, and Broke BR 16335

by Suze Orman

3 volumes

Financial advisor, author of *The Road to Wealth* (RC 52889), explains money basics to twenty- and thirty-year-olds. Discusses FICO scores, credit cards, student loans, retirement, investing, home and car ownership, and relationship money-mergers. Provides information to a younger audience who can use time to their advantage. Bestseller. 2005.

Rachael Ray 365: No Repeats; a Year of Deliciously Different Dinners BR 16380

by Rachael Ray

4 volumes

The host of television's “30-Minute Meals” offers a collection of recipes that can take you through an entire year without having the same meal twice. Ray's concept is to create numerous variations from several master recipes just by changing some of the ingredients. Bestseller. 2005.

Rage to Survive: The Etta James Story BR 16382

by Etta James and

David Ritz

3 volumes

Autobiography of African American native of Los Angeles, who began singing gospel at church in the 1940s at age five and developed into a blues, jazz, and soul singer. James recalls her unstable childhood, drug addiction, love affairs, and career with other no-

table musicians. Strong language.
1995.

**Forever a Soldier: Unforgettable
Stories of Wartime Service BR 16390**

edited by Tom Wiener

3 volumes

Veterans recall experiences of battle from World War I to the war in Iraq. Soldiers' letters, diaries, memoirs, and oral histories provide personal accounts of D-Day, the Tet offensive, heroic actions, and sinking ships. Includes an interview with Senator John McCain about his captivity in Vietnam. 2005.

**Jimi Hendrix: The Man, the Magic,
the Truth BR 16393**

by Sharon Lawrence

4 volumes

Interviews with family, friends, and musicians about the life of guitarist/songwriter Jimi Hendrix (1942–1970). Traces Hendrix's rise from backup roles to success in Europe and the 1967 Monterey Pop Festival. Covers Hendrix's drug and business problems and tragic death and the contest over his estate. Some strong language. 2005.

Born Amish BR 16402

by Ruth Irene Garrett and
Deborah Morse-Kahn

1 volume

Ruth Irene Garrett (born 1974) describes her Iowa childhood in an Old Order Amish community. Discusses the work involved in running a traditional farm and the chores and responsibilities of each family member. Recounts entering the outside world when she married an "Englischer" and was shunned by her people. 2004.

**Sleeping with Custer and the 7th
Cavalry: An Embedded Reporter in
Iraq BR 16421**

by Walter C. Rodgers

3 volumes

CNN foreign correspondent, embedded for three weeks in 2003 with a U.S. army reconnaissance unit in Iraq, describes the training provided to journalists, the drive to Baghdad, and the fighting he witnessed. Also relates a 2004 visit during which he reported on the country's conditions. Violence and strong language. 2005.

**Why Do Men Have Nipples? Hundreds
of Questions You'd Only Ask a Doctor
after Your Third Martini BR 16427**

by Mark Leyner and

Billy Goldberg

2 volumes

A satirist and a physician compile strange-but-true facts about the human body. Answers questions such as "Can carrots improve your vision?" "What are goose bumps?" "Does warm milk really put you to sleep?" and "Does marijuana help glaucoma?" Strong language. Bestseller. 2005.

**The South Beach Diet Quick and Easy
Cookbook: Two Hundred Delicious
Recipes Ready in Thirty Minutes or
Less BR 16448**

by Arthur Agatston

3 volumes

Fast cookery for dieters recommended by the Florida cardiologist and author of *The South Beach Diet* (BR 15395). Includes healthy appetizers, main courses, and desserts that use a minimum number of ingredients and are easy to prepare. 2005.

Divided by God: America's Church-State Problem—and What We Should Do about It BR 16450

by Noah Feldman

3 volumes

Studies the relationship between religion and the U.S. government from America's colonial days to the twenty-first century. Discusses controversies over the Bible, the Pledge of Allegiance, same-sex marriage, and the teaching of evolution. 2005.

Beethoven: The Universal Composer BR 16487

by Edmund Morris

2 volumes

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian chronicles the life of composer Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827). Portrays the musician's struggle against “epic odds” including numerous medical problems (deafness, colitis, arthritis, cirrhosis) and loneliness. Also describes his genius for creating symphonies and sonatas. 2005.

Forgotten Crimes: The Holocaust and People with Disabilities BR 16490

by Suzanne E. Evans

2 volumes

Lawyer and journalist details Germany's “euthanasia” programs of 1935 to 1945, in which as many as 750,000 children and adults with physical and mental disabilities were killed. Draws on historical records and survivor interviews to describe Nazi medical philosophies, sterilization laws, methods, and organizers—and the legacy of the atrocities. 2004.

***A Raisin in the Sun* with Connections BR 16492**

by Lorraine Hansberry

2 volumes

A three-act play about a middle-class black family, the Youngers, living in 1950s Chicago. Mama's large insurance settlement from her husband's death becomes a divisive factor when each family member has a different dream for spending the money. Contains related commentary by other writers. 1958.

The Pet Lover's Guide to First Aid and Emergencies BR 16493

by Thomas K. Day

2 volumes

Veterinarian explains how to recognize and treat dogs' and cats' common medical emergencies including heat-stroke, broken bones, lacerations, poisoning, allergic reactions, and skin, ear, and eye conditions. Provides instructions for performing CPR and preparing a first aid kit. Guide is organized by symptom and severity level, not clinical diagnosis. 2006.

Kids in the Syndrome Mix of ADHD, LD, Asperger's, Tourette's, Bipolar, and More! The One Stop Guide for Parents, Teachers, and Other Professionals BR 16497

by Martin L. Kutscher

2 volumes

A pediatric neurologist's guide to the treatment of neurobehavioral and neuropsychiatric problems in children—some that may coexist. Includes attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, learning disabilities, autism, anxiety, obsessive-compulsive behavior, sensory integration dysfunction, tics,

depression, bipolar depression, oppositional defiance, and central auditory processing disorders. 2005.

How to Be Idle BR 16499

by Tom Hodgkinson

2 volumes

British author's argument for leisurely living as an alternative to a fast-paced, overworked lifestyle. Offers hour-by-hour reflections on sleeping late, taking long lunches, napping, imbibing, lolling in public, fishing, making love, and celebrating holidays. Uses examples from literature, poetry, and philosophy. 2005.

The Best of Oscar Wilde: Selected Plays and Literary Criticism BR 16500

by Oscar Wilde

4 volumes

A selection of work by Irish playwright and poet Oscar Wilde (1854–1900). Includes the plays *Salomé*, *Lady Windermere's Fan*, *A Woman of No Importance*, *An Ideal Husband*, and *The Importance of Being Earnest*. Brief literary criticism from various sources and introduction by professor Sylvan Barnet. 2004.

John Muir: Magnificent Tramp BR 16502

by Rod Miller

2 volumes

Concise biography of Scottish-born John Muir (1838–1914), remembered as a staunch conservationist, founder of the Sierra Club, and champion of national parks. Discusses how Muir's love for the natural environment shaped his philosophy, travel adventures, scientific studies, writing, and political battles. 2005.

On Michael Jackson BR 16504

by Margo Jefferson

1 volume

Pulitzer Prize-winning critic for the *New York Times* pens an essay analyzing the complexity of pop musician Michael Jackson. Traces Jackson's curious transformations over time from child prodigy to accused criminal and studies the people and events that influenced him. Strong language. 2006.

Ariel: The Restored Edition BR 16537

by Sylvia Plath

1 volume

Sylvia Plath's last manuscript before committing suicide in 1963 is restored to her preferred selections and arrangement of poems by her daughter Frieda Hughes. Hughes's foreword discusses the confessional voice in this poetry and her parents' complex marriage. 2004.

Martha Stewart's Baking Handbook BR 16575

by Martha Stewart

4 volumes

Stewart, author of *Martha Stewart, Menus for Entertaining* (BR 9602), offers a compendium of baking tips and techniques and more than two hundred recipes for biscuits, muffins, cookies, cakes, pies, pastries, and breads. 2005.

Parish Priest: Father Michael McGivney and American Catholicism BR 16610

by Douglas Brinkley and

Julie M. Fenster

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Biography of Catholic priest Michael McGivney (1852–1890), who founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882. Chronicles McGivney's Connecticut

childhood and call to the priesthood. Describes the social and economic conditions that led to his concept of an organization for helping impoverished Irish immigrants improve their life. 2006.

She Got Up off the Couch: And Other Heroic Acts from Mooreland, Indiana BR 16611

by Haven Kimmel

3 volumes

Following *A Girl Named Zippy* (BR 14575), Kimmel continues her saga of growing up in Indiana in the 1970s. Recounts her mother's decision to go to college and become a teacher to help the family's finances, and how that decision caused marital problems for her parents. 2006.

The Life of David BR 16614

by Robert Pinsky

2 volumes

Former poet laureate of the United States recounts the life of another poet, King David, generally considered the author of the Psalms. Portrays David's life, reign, accomplishments, and failings through biblical depictions of his relationships with Goliath, Bathsheba, Saul, Jonathan, Abigail, Absalom, and Solomon. 2005.

Louis Armstrong's New Orleans BR 16619

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4 volumes

Music professor explores the city of jazz musician Louis Armstrong's youth, early-twentieth-century New Orleans, which he describes as divided by caste and color even among African Americans. Analyzes the way church music blended with blues and ragtime

to create a unique sound. Recounts the influence of Jim Crow laws. 2006.

Make It Now, Bake It Later! The Next Generation: More than Two Hundred Easy and Delicious Recipes for Make-Ahead Dishes BR 16625

by Ann Goodfellow and

Scott Goodfellow

2 volumes

Updated version of a 1958 cookbook offers old favorites and new dishes adapted for modern tastes. Recipes list ingredients needed at the outset and those needed to finish the dish later, ways to store the unfinished dish, and final steps before serving. Includes appetizers, main dishes, and desserts. 2004.

But You Can Feel It: A Statement of My Mother When I Returned Empty Handed Saying, "I Can't See It" BR 16643

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4 volumes

Blind author recounts his life from his boyhood in a log cabin and struggles for an education to international recognition in the field of vocational training for visually impaired persons. Chronicles his establishment in 1949 of the Emil Fries Piano Hospital and Training Center for piano servicing and tuning. 1980.

Self-Esteem and Adjusting with Blindness: The Process of Responding to Life's Demands BR 16647

by Dean W. Tuttle and

Naomi R. Tuttle

4 volumes

Third edition of a manual written for professionals who work with blind and low-vision individuals. Topics include

an overview of blindness and its meaning for the individual. Describes the adjustment to the condition, psychological implications, and issues of self-esteem. Includes case studies. 2004.

**The Volumetrics Eating Plan:
Techniques and Recipes for Feeling
Full on Fewer Calories BR 16649**

by Barbara Rolls

3 volumes

Nutritionist offers a lifestyle guide and cookbook for weight loss that emphasizes healthy eating, hunger control, and calorie reduction. Explains how to personalize the program. Includes recipes for meats, poultry, seafood, soups, salads, pasta, beans, vegetarian dishes, and desserts. Companion to *Volumetrics Weight Control Plan (BR 13734)*. 2005.

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and How to Live with It BR 16701**

by Thomas J. Carroll

3 volumes

The national chaplain of the Blinded Veterans Association addresses psychological and physical rehabilitation of adventitiously blind adults. Highlights issues associated with mobility, interpersonal communication, employment, finances, and well-being. Discusses special concerns regarding blind children, the elderly, congenitally blind persons, and those with other mental or physical conditions. 1961.

**Blindness: Modern Approaches to the
Unseen Environment BR 16702**

edited by Paul A. Zahl

7 volumes

Wide-ranging essays about issues concerning the blind community. Thirty experts in various fields discuss educational, psychological, and vocational matters and the use and development of sensory aids such as canes, guide dogs, braille, and talking books. Also addresses the needs of deaf-blind individuals and blinded veterans. 1950.

**Look Great, Feel Great: Twelve Keys
to Enjoying a Healthy Life Now
BR 16709**

by Joyce Meyer

2 volumes

Radio and television host and full-time minister offers her guide to attaining spiritual and physical health to boost self-esteem and better carry out God's work. Describes twelve aspects she deems as crucial to well-being, including eating right, exercising, drinking plenty of water, reducing stress, and trusting in God. Bestseller. 2006.

**Common Sense and Related Writings
BR 16753**

by Thomas Paine

2 volumes

Eight essays written between 1774 and 1776 by American political philosopher and patriot Thomas Paine (1737–1809). Includes *Thoughts on Defensive War*, *The American Crisis, Number 1*, and *Common Sense*, a treatise advocating America's moral obligation for independence. Contains an introduction, biographical information, and detailed analysis of selected writings. 2001.

The European Tribe BR 16755

by Caryl Phillips

2 volumes

Oxford graduate Phillips, a Londoner born in the West Indies, set out in 1984 to learn firsthand what it means to be part of a minority in Europe. Observes that foreign workers in Germany have no civil rights, and reflects on ways white Europeans have imposed their culture and language on developing nations. 1987.

The Tomb in Seville: Crossing Spain on the Brink of Civil War BR 16757

by Norman Lewis

1 volume

A writer recalls his first trip to Spain in 1934, when he accompanied brother-in-law Eugene Corvaja on Eugene's quest of the family tomb. Describes the insurrection in Madrid that diverted their trek to Seville through Portugal, locals' reactions to the civil unrest, and his own discovery at journey's end. 2003.

Wandering Home: A Long Walk across America's Most Hopeful Landscape, Vermont's Champlain Valley and New York's Adirondacks BR 16759

by Bill McKibben

1 volume

Nature writer's account of hiking from his home in Vermont to New York's Adirondack Mountains. McKibben describes visits along the way with organic farmers, a vintner, a beekeeper, environmental studies students, and others who love nature. 2005.

How to Make Black America Better: Leading African Americans Speak Out BR 16773

by Tavis Smiley

2 volumes

Talk-show host and national radio commentator presents a collection of essays from twenty-eight black celebrities, addressing issues they view as vital to the African American community. Suggests a variety of solutions and challenges concerning family, responsibility, education, health, economics, the church's role, and the establishment of a legacy. 2001.

Taking Care of Your Smile: A Teen's Guide to Dental Care BR 16776

by Autumn Libal and

Christopher Hovius

1 volume

Explains the physical and emotional importance of dental hygiene. Includes techniques for caring for your teeth and combating decay and stains by brushing, flossing, and rinsing. Examines the history of dentistry and provides information on orthodontic work like braces, porcelain veneers, and crowns. For senior high and older readers. 2005.

Adult Fiction

Ordinary Heroes BR 16387

by Scott Turow

4 volumes

After his father's death, Stewart Dubinsky discovers a packet of letters written during World War II that reveal a secret past. Further investigation uncovers details of the desperate battlefield decisions his father made that

led to a court-martial and imprisonment. Descriptions of sex, violence, and strong language. 2005.

The Darkest Child BR 16388

by Delores Phillips

4 volumes

Thirteen-year-old African American Tangy Mae Quinn and her siblings suffer the cruel madness of their mother, Rozelle, amid poverty and racial inequalities of rural Georgia. Tangy fights for the strength to survive, finish school, and one day escape Rozelle's abuse. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2004.

The Year of Pleasures BR 16391

by Elizabeth Berg

2 volumes

Middle-aged Boston widow Betta Nolan follows the retirement dreams she shared with her late husband and moves to a small town in Illinois to start over. Renewing her friendships with women from college, Betta also opens a retail shop and makes friends with the townspeople. Some strong language. 2005.

An Unfinished Season BR 16396

by Ward Just

3 volumes

Suburban Chicago, early 1950s. During the summer before college, nineteen-year-old Wils Ravan works for a newspaper and attends debutante parties. He falls in love with Aurora Brule, daughter of psychiatrist and WWII veteran Jack Brule. But tragedy changes everything. Some descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. 2004.

Are We There Yet? BR 16397

by David Levithan

2 volumes

Tricked by their parents into taking a trip to Italy together, high school student Elijah Silver and his twenty-three-year-old workaholic brother Danny have plenty of time to get to know each other again. But then they both fall for the beautiful Julia. For senior high readers. 2005.

Finding Lubchenko BR 16399

by Michael Simmons

2 volumes

When his father is framed for murder and bioterrorism, sixteen-year-old Evan uses clues from a laptop he stole to find the real culprit. Joined by his friends Erika and Ruben, Evan travels from Seattle to Paris with his father's credit card to learn the truth. For senior high readers. 2005.

A Perfect Stranger: And Other Stories BR 16400

by Roxana Robinson

2 volumes

Thirteen short stories exploring family relationships. In "Blind Man," a father copes with his daughter's fatal drug overdose. In "At the Beach," an incident involving a lost child ends a couple's indecision about having a baby. In the title piece, a feuding husband and wife host an opera scholar. 2005.

Blood Ties: A Father Dowling Mystery BR 16401

by Ralph McInerny

2 volumes

Twenty-two-year-old Martha Lynch seeks to find the identity of her birth mother while her biological father, Nathaniel Fleck, simultaneously tries

to learn the fate of his child. Both Father Dowling and attorney Amos Cadbury know the truth but have doubts about sharing it. Then someone murders Fleck. 2005.

The Christmas Quilt: An Elm Creek Quilts Novel BR 16428

by Jennifer Chiaverini
2 volumes

Sarah discovers an unfinished Christmas quilt, along with antique ornaments and heirlooms, in the attic of her elderly friend Sylvia. Although Sylvia prefers a quiet holiday reminiscing about her family's traditions and hardships endured, Sarah infuses the season with joy. 2005.

Bad Kitty BR 16432

by Michele Jaffe
2 volumes

While vacationing with her family in Las Vegas, seventeen-year-old Irish Jamaican Jasmine Callihan stumbles upon a murder. With the help of her friends from California, aspiring police detective Jasmine investigates—and also falls in love. For senior high readers. 2006.

The Bell Jar BR 16452

by Sylvia Plath
2 volumes

Poet Plath's (1932–1963) semiautobiographical novel of nineteen-year-old Esther Greenwood, a talented Massachusetts college student who questions her abilities and post-academia prospects as she struggles with aspects of love, sex, and self. Follows Esther through a mental breakdown, suicide attempts, and psychiatric therapy. Includes 1996 introduction by Frances McCullough. 1963.

The Daybreakers: The Sacketts BR 16481

by Louis L'Amour
2 volumes

1860s. Young brothers Orrin and Tyrel Sackett leave Tennessee bound for the frontier town of Santa Fe, New Mexico. But before Orrin and Tyrel can settle down, they must bring law and order to the Wild West. Orrin becomes a marshal while Tyrel rules without a badge. 1960.

Ride the River: The Sacketts BR 16486

by Louis L'Amour
2 volumes

1840s. Sixteen-year-old Echo, youngest of the Sackett line, travels from Tennessee to Philadelphia to claim her inheritance. When lawyer James White tries to swindle her, Echo flees town with the money. James's thugs and Dorian Chantry, a man sent to protect Echo, pursue her. 1983.

Circle of Quilters: An Elm Creek Quilts Novel BR 16488

by Jennifer Chiaverini
3 volumes

The Pennsylvania Elm Creek Quilters need to hire new teachers for their camp. Candidates include Karen, a young mother; Maggie, a published quilter; Russ, a widower; Anna, a chef; and Gretchen, a shop owner. Sarah McClure and the other sewers debate the qualifications and drawbacks of each. 2006.

A Covington Christmas: Ladies of Covington BR 16489

by Joan Medlicott

2 volumes

The new pastor in Covington, North Carolina, discovers that his predecessor was never ordained—leaving five older couples' marriages in limbo. With the church building in need of repair, friends Grace, Hannah, and Amelia take charge and organize a joint wedding in time for the holidays. Includes recipes and discussion questions. 2005.

Jubal Sackett: The Sacketts BR 16494

by Louis L'Amour

3 volumes

Seventeenth century. Wily Jubal Sackett sets out to explore the vast, untamed North American West. Jubal befriends Keokotah, a proud Kickapoo brave, and together they help shield a beautiful Natchez princess from a vengeful Indian warrior and an unscrupulous Spanish soldier. 1985.

Last Dance on Holladay Street BR 16495

by Elisa Carbone

2 volumes

After thirteen-year-old biracial Eva's adopted parents die in 1878, Eva heads to Denver to find her birth mother. She's shocked to discover that her mother and half-sister live in a house of ill repute and hatches a plan to improve their lot. For senior high readers. 2005.

Maggie's Miracle: A Red Gloves Novel BR 16498

by Karen Kingsbury

1 volume

Widow Megan Wright enlists the aid of the Healing Hearts organization to pair her eight-year-old son, Jordan, with a father figure. Casey Cummins, who lost his wife at childbirth, becomes close to the boy—and also to his mother. But Megan has vowed never to love again. 2003.

Invisible BR 16503

by Pete Hautman

1 volume

Seventeen-year-old Dougie is a loner obsessed with building a bridge out of match sticks for his model railroad. His only friend and confidant is Andy, a popular football player, who lives next door. Gradually Dougie reveals their secret bond—the fires they set together. Some violence. For senior high readers. 2005.

The Paperwhite Narcissus: A Martha's Vineyard Mystery BR 16613

by Cynthia Riggs

2 volumes

After ninety-two-year-old Victoria Trumbull is fired from *The Island Enquirer*, she goes to work for the competition without pay. When a developer is murdered, Victoria scoops her old paper with the story and begins sleuthing. The victim's wife and mistress are suspects until more murders occur. Some strong language. 2005.

Harrowing the Dragon BR 16615

by Patricia A. McKillip

2 volumes

Fifteen short stories written between 1982 and 1999 by the World Fantasy

Award winner. In the novella *A Matter of Music*, a young bard awakens to his master's artistry, while in the tale "Voyage into the Heart," the virgin's innocence intensifies the betrayal of the unicorn. 2005.

The Tent BR 16616

by Margaret Atwood

1 volume

Short stories by the prizewinning Canadian author of *The Handmaid's Tale* (BR 11911). The title piece is a prose poem about a compulsive writer who tries to protect her loved ones by scribbling observations on a paper tent as wild monsters howl outside. 2006.

The Regime: Evil Advances before They Were Left Behind; Countdown to the Rapture, Book 2 BR 16651

by Tim LaHaye and

Jerry B. Jenkins

3 volumes

Business tycoon Nicolae Carpathia expands his political and economic influence. Meanwhile, pilot Rayford Steele worries about his wife's growing religious fervor and helps the CIA and Defense Department combat black-market shoulder-fired missiles capable of bringing down aircraft. Sequel to *The Rising* (BR 16069). Bestseller. 2005.

The Widow's War BR 16684

by Sally Gunning

2 volumes

Cape Cod, 1761. After her husband is lost at sea, Lyddie Berry finds herself a dependent of her miserly son-in-law Nathan Clarke. Inspired by the words of attorney and woman's suffrage supporter James Otis, Lyddie challenges

the terms of the will—and society—and attempts to live on her own. 2006.

Enthusiasm BR 16689

by Polly Shulman

2 volumes

Julie and Ashleigh are high school sophomores, best friends, and Jane Austen fans. Looking for their own Mr. Darcy, both girls fall for the same boy and hide their feelings while rehearsing for a school play. Despite comic errors, everyone experiences a happy ending. For senior high readers. 2006.

The Rapture: In the Twinkling of an Eye—Countdown to the Earth's Last Days; Countdown to the Rapture, Book 3 BR 16698

by Tim LaHaye and

Jerry B. Jenkins

2 volumes

With his wife consumed by newfound faith, pilot and CIA consultant Rayford Steele grows close to a stewardess. Politician Nicolae Carpathia continues his climb to power. Meanwhile, people from all over the globe disappear, called into the presence of God. Sequel to *The Regime* (BR 16651). Bestseller. 2006.

Calder Storm: The Calder Saga, Volume 10 BR 16732

by Janet Dailey

3 volumes

Fifth-generation Montana rancher Trey Calder's whirlwind romance with photographer Sloan Davis soon leads to marriage and pregnancy. But Trey makes a discovery about Sloan's past that threatens his family and raises doubts about Sloan's motives. Meanwhile a grieving father plots revenge

against the Calders. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 2006.

Palo Duro Shootout BR 16750

by Kent Conwell

1 volume

Texas. Disguised as a rebel soldier, Union Lieutenant Zeke Tanner is leading a mission to hijack Confederate gold when he encounters his ex-boss J.S. Tipton and former friends Josh and Leeboy. After Zeke kills J.S. to protect his cover, Josh and Leeboy trek through Comanche territory to confront Zeke. 2005.

Red Sea BR 16752

by Diane Tullson

1 volume

Fourteen-year-old Libby's year-long sailing adventure with her mother and stepfather becomes a nightmare when modern-day pirates attack their boat in the Red Sea. Libby needs courage and skill to survive and to save her mother. A high-interest, low-vocabulary book. Some violence. For junior and senior high readers. 2005.

The Hanging in the Foaling Barn: Stories BR 16758

by Susan Starr Richards

2 volumes

Nine stories set mostly in Kentucky concerning horse lore and human nature. In the title piece, forty-one-year-old former jockey Maurice calls his friend Luther at 3:30 a.m. to announce his intention to commit suicide in a most inappropriate place, the barn where mares are giving birth. 2006.

Ricochet BR 16760

by Sandra Brown

3 volumes

Detectives Duncan Hatcher and Dee-Dee Bowen are determined to bring crime lord Robert Savich to justice, even though judge Cato Laird lets him go. They become suspicious of the judge after being called to Laird's home when his wife shoots an intruder. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2006.

Timothy; or, Notes of an Abject Reptile BR 16762

by Verlyn Klinkenborg

2 volumes

Selborne, England; late 1700s. Timothy, a tortoise living in naturalist Gilbert White's garden, reports his observations on humans and the natural world from his unique, on-the-ground perspective. He explains, for instance, the advantages of hibernating for the winter over being awake and toiling, like people do. 2006.

Bonjour Tristesse BR 16764

by Françoise Sagan

1 volume

Cécile begins her seventeenth summer happily in a villa on the Mediterranean, flirting with her handsome neighbor Cyril. The complications occur when her father, who already has his young mistress with them, invites Anne, a friend of his deceased wife, to visit. 1955.

Death in the Middle Watch: A Carolus Deene Mystery BR 16767

by Leo Bruce

1 volume

Amateur sleuth Carolus Deene is hired to sail on a cruise after the ship's pro-

prietor receives threatening letters. The widow of a man who died on board the previous year is murdered, and someone goes overboard. Deene investigates as the vessel docks in foreign ports. 1974.

**Goldfinger: A James Bond Novel
BR 16769**

by Ian Fleming
2 volumes

British secret service agent James Bond is pitted against Auric Goldfinger—one of the world's richest men, who is obsessed with gold. Bond infiltrates Goldfinger's organization and foils a plan to rob Fort Knox. Some violence and some strong language. 1959.

Talk Talk BR 16775

by T. Coraghessan Boyle
3 volumes

When thirty-three-year-old Dana Halter runs a stop sign, she's arrested for crimes committed by a man using her name. Dana's plight is complicated by her deafness. Then Dana and her boyfriend, Bridger, begin a cross-country manhunt for the identity thief. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2006.

Malinche BR 16779

by Laura Esquivel
2 volumes

Tale of Hernán Cortés arriving in Mexico and acquiring a young Mexican maiden, Malinalli, as his interpreter. She attempts to mediate between her people and the Spaniards, but he ravishes her and plunders and destroys the native civilization. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some violence. 2006.

Dear John BR 16791

by Nicholas Sparks
2 volumes

North Carolina. After years of drifting, John Tyree, who was raised by a father with Asperger's syndrome, joins the army. While on leave he meets Savannah Curtis, a special-education major. The two fall in love, but their relationship changes when John reenlists after 9/11. Bestseller. 2006.

Books for Children

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

Children's Nonfiction

Beowulf: A New Telling BR 16433

retold by Robert Nye

1 volume

Long ago Grendel, a ferocious monster, terrorized the Danes until Beowulf, a valiant Anglo-Saxon warrior, vanquished him. A narrative interpretation based on the Old English epic poem. For grades 5-8. 1968.

The Battle against Polio BR 16440

by Stephanie True Peters

1 volume

Traces the history of polio and the twentieth-century worldwide epidemic that left many infected children with permanent paralysis. Describes the invention of the iron lung to enable patients to breathe and the development of vaccines. Also discusses the disease's most famous survivor, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. For grades 5-8. 2005.

D'Aulaires' Book of Norse Myths

BR 16449

by Ingri D'Aulaire and

Edgar Parin D'Aulaire

1 volume

Introduces the Norse legends of gods, goddesses, tricksters, and heroes. Contains tales of Thor, the thunder-god, mischievous Loki, and the leader Odin with his band of Valkyrie maidens, as well as elves, gnomes, weird monsters, and grim giants. For grades 4-7. 1967.

Science and Technology: American Indian Contributions to the World BR 16453

by Emory Dean Keoke and

Kay Marie Porterfield

2 volumes

Explains that American Indian knowledge of natural processes led to inventing tools and ways to adapt the environment to their needs. Inventions included spear points, tobacco pipes, musical instruments, copper smithery, rubber, the base-twenty math system, and calendars. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 2005.

Mary Engelbreit's Mother Goose: One Hundred Best-Loved Verses BR 16695

by Mary Engelbreit

3 volumes

Presents traditional nursery rhymes passed down through generations. Includes "Thirty days hath September..." and "Monday's child," which teach lessons; "Jack and Jill" and "Humpty Dumpty," which show disasters; and "There was a little girl...", "Old King Cole," and "Bobby Shafto," which portray typical people. For pre-school-grade 2. 2005.

Favorite Fairy Tales Told around the World BR 16699

retold by Virginia Haviland

2 volumes

Stories, some well-known and some less familiar, from sixteen countries. Includes "The Flying Ship" from Russia about a young fool whose kindness to others is rewarded, and from Japan, "The Tongue-cut Sparrow" about a mean, nagging wife who is taught to change her ways. For grades 3-6. 1959.

The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose BR 16739

selected by Arnold Lobel

1 volume

Treasury of some three hundred nursery rhymes including "Mary Had a Little Lamb," "London Bridge Is Broken Down," "Sing a Song of Sixpence," "Three Little Kittens," "Simple Simon Met a Pieman," "Old Mother Hubbard," and "Who Killed Cock Robin?"

For grades K-3. 1986.

Boy, Were We Wrong about Dinosaurs! BR 17005

by Kathleen V. Kudlinski

1 volume

Explains how fossil discoveries have changed ideas about dinosaurs over time. Gives the example of the ancient Chinese, who thought giant fossil bones belonged to dragons. Discusses more recent findings that show a possible connection between dinosaurs and modern birds. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2005.

Children's Fiction

The Book of Dragons BR 16403

selected by Michael Hague

1 volume

Seventeen heroic folktales and stories featuring dragons by such authors as Italo Calvino, the Brothers Grimm, E. Nesbit, Andrew Lang, and Kenneth Grahame. For grades 3-6. 1995.

Frog and Toad Together BR 16430

by Arnold Lobel

1 volume

Five adventures of two best friends as they share cookies, plant a garden, and test their bravery. Beginning reader.

For grades K-3. Newbery Honor Book. 1971.

Frog and Toad Are Friends BR 16435

by Arnold Lobel

1 volume

Five stories about the adventures of two best friends. Frog and Toad are always there for each other, whether they are telling stories, finding lost buttons, or swimming in the river. Uncontracted braille. For grades K-3 and older readers. 1970.

Fever, 1793 BR 16484

by Laurie Halse Anderson

2 volumes

Philadelphia, 1793. Fourteen-year-old Matilda works in her widowed mother's busy coffeehouse along with her grandfather and their cook, Eliza—a freed slave. When a yellow fever epidemic hits the city, people panic and flee, and Matilda's life turns upside down. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2000.

Marlfox: Redwall Abbey BR 16496

by Brian Jacques

3 volumes

Redwall Abbey is attacked by the Marlfoxes, who plunder a wondrous tapestry for their mother, Queen Silth. Young squirrels Dann and Song and the shrew Dippler are joined by the watervole Burble in a perilous quest to return the wall hanging to its proper place. For grades 5-8. 1998.

Small Steps BR 16501

by Louis Sachar

2 volumes

Three years after being released from Camp Green Lake, Armpit, from *Holes* (BR 12174), is turning his life around in Austin, Texas, with the en-

couragement of his ten-year-old neighbor, Ginny, who has cerebral palsy.

Then he meets a celebrity teen singer.

For grades 5-8. 2006.

Pippi in the South Seas BR 16505

by Astrid Lindgren

1 volume

Pippi takes her friends Annika and Tommy with her to Kurrekurredutt Island in the South Seas, where her father is king. Sequel to *Pippi Longstocking* (BR 16298). For grades 3-6. 1959.

Vox: The Edge Chronicles, Book 6 BR 16565

by Paul Stewart

2 volumes

Rook Barkwater, the young librarian knight, attempts to stop Vox Verlix, the Most High Academe of Sanctaphrax, as he plots to take over Edgeworld once again. Sequel to *The Last of the Sky Pirates* (BR 16555). For grades 6-9. 2003.

Beyond the Valley of Thorns: The Land of Elyon, Book 2 BR 16581

by Patrick Carman

2 volumes

One year after her adventures in *The Dark Hills Divide* (BR 16270), Alexa leaves Bridewell to return to the hills and save the kingdom from evil. Along the way Alexa battles giants, rats, and ogres. For grades 4-7. 2005.

The Sword in the Stone BR 16612

by T.H. White

2 volumes

A boy named Arthur, the king-to-be, grows up in the time of knights in armor, fair damsels, foul monsters, and evil witches. His tutor Merlin, the all-powerful magician, transforms Arthur

into various animals as part of his schooling and prepares him for his destiny. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1938.

The Year of the Dog BR 16624

by Grace Lin

1 volume

While Pacy's Taiwanese American family prepares the Chinese New Year feast, Pacy hopes the Year of the Dog will be lucky for her. She does make a new best friend at school but "finding herself"—discovering her own talent—takes longer. For grades 3-6. 2006.

The Wall and the Wing BR 16650

by Laura Ruby

2 volumes

In a wacky, futuristic New York, Gurl can't fly like most other people but she can become invisible. Her orphanage matron, a reclusive professor, a rat man, and a gangster all figure in Gurl's adventures as she and her friend Bug team up on a quest. For grades 5-8. 2006.

Rowan Hood Returns: The Final Chapter; a Tale of Rowan Hood BR 16683

by Nancy Springer

1 volume

Rowan Hood learns who murdered her mother, Celandine, and hunts for the killers with her outlaw band. When Rowan loses her gift for healing on the path of revenge, she must decide the kind of person she wants to be. Sequel to *Wild Boy* (BR 16573). For grades 4-7. 2005.

A Ring of Endless Light BR 16703

by Madeleine L'Engle

2 volumes

Sixteen-year-old Vicky Austin confronts her feelings about death when she and her family spend the summer with her seriously ill grandfather on an island off New England's coast. Three young men vie for her attentions, and one introduces her to a pod of dolphins. For grades 6-9. Newbery Honor Book. 1980.

Hop on Pop BR 16725

by Dr. Seuss

1 volume

Pairs of rhyming words are used in sentences, creating a nonsense story. Starts with "UP PUP / Pup is up. / CUP PUP / Pup in cup. / PUP CUP / Cup on pup." Uncontracted braille. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1963.

Elana's Ears; or, How I Became the Best Big Sister in the World BR 16754

by Gloria Roth Lowell

1 volume

Lacey the family dog is jealous of the new baby, Elana, that her human parents bring home. Discovering that Elana can't hear, Lacey becomes her ears and protects her from danger. Includes a clinical psychologist's advice for parents of deaf children. For grades 2-4. 2000.

Paddington at Large BR 16765

by Michael Bond

1 volume (Reissue)

Paddington, the beloved bear from darkest Peru, always has good intentions that somehow go awry. Here he tries to make toffee, takes a ride on the neighbor's lawn mower, and does his

part for a Christmas play. For grades 3-6. 1962.

Strange Happenings: Five Tales of Transformation BR 16774

by Avi

1 volume

Five stories of fantasy in which strange changes occur. A boy and a cat trade places, a young man learns the price of selfishness, and an invisible princess finds herself. In "Curious," twelve-year-old Jeff is overwhelmed by curiosity about the local baseball team's alien mascot. For grades 5-8. 2006.

Emil and Karl BR 16795

by Yankev Glatshteyn

1 volume

Vienna, Austria; 1940. Two nine-year-old boys, one Jewish and one not, remain best friends despite the Nazi occupation's policy of racial hatred. After being orphaned, they rely on each other and the help of strangers while trying to escape the city. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1940.

Lilly's Big Day BR 17006

by Kevin Henkes

1 volume

When her teacher, Mr. Slinger, announces his upcoming marriage to the school nurse, Lilly the mouse sets her heart on being the flower girl at the wedding. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2006.

Foreign Language Books

The following braille title is available in the language designated.

Spanish

**Harry Potter y el Misterio del Príncipe
(Harry Potter and the Half-Blood
Prince) BR 16304**

por J.K. Rowling

6 volúmenes

Sigue a *Harry Potter y la Orden del Fénix* (BR 15643). Harry y sus amigos regresan para asistir el sexto curso del Colegio Hogwarts de Magia y Hechicería. El poder del malvado Voldemort aumenta día tras día, y Harry conoce a un príncipe. Para grados 4 a 7 y lectores mayores. (Sequel to *Harry Potter y la Orden del Fénix* (BR 15643). Harry and his friends return for their sixth year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Evil Voldemort's power increases daily, and Harry encounters a prince. For grades 4-7 and older readers.) 2005.

Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

Boys' Life (for children and teens; monthly)
Braille Book Review (bimonthly)
Braille Chess Magazine (British quarterly)
Braille Music Magazine (British monthly)
Conundrum (British monthly)
Cooking Light (10 issues)
ESPN: The Magazine (biweekly)
Harper's (literary; monthly)
Health Newsletters (includes **Harvard Health Letter**, **Mayo Clinic Health Letter**, and **University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter**; monthly)
Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine (monthly)
Ladies' Home Journal (monthly)
Martha Stewart Living (home and entertaining; 10 issues)
Muse (for children; 10 issues)
The Musical Mainstream (quarterly)
National Geographic (monthly)
The New York Times Large Type Weekly (weekly)
News (NLS quarterly)
Parenting (monthly except January and July)
PC World (personal computing; monthly)
Playboy (monthly)
Poetry (11 issues)

Popular Communications (monthly)
Popular Mechanics (monthly)
Popular Music Lead Sheets (irregular)
Rolling Stone (popular culture; 24 issues)
Science News (weekly)
Seventeen (for teens; monthly)
Short Stories (British monthly)
Spider: The Magazine for Children (monthly)
Stone Soup (children's writings; 5 issues)
Update (NLS quarterly)
The Washington Post Book World (weekly)

The following sports schedules are also available:

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Arizona	Phoenix	800-255-5578	(602) 255-5578
Arkansas	Little Rock	866-660-0885	(501) 682-1155
California	Los Angeles	800-808-2555	(323) 663-1111
	Sacramento	800-952-5666	(916) 654-0640
Colorado	Denver	800-685-2136	(303) 727-9277
Connecticut	Rocky Hill	800-842-4516	(860) 721-2020
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Florida	Daytona Beach	800-226-6075	(386) 239-6000
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Hawaii	Honolulu	800-559-4096	(808) 733-8444
Idaho	Boise	800-458-3271	(208) 334-2150
Illinois	Springfield	800-665-5576	(217) 782-9435
Indiana	Indianapolis	800-622-4970	(317) 232-3684
Iowa	Des Moines	800-362-2587	(515) 281-1333
Kansas	Emporia	800-362-0699	(620) 341-6280
Kentucky	Frankfort	800-372-2968	(502) 564-8300
Louisiana	Baton Rouge	800-543-4702	(225) 342-4944
Maine	Augusta	800-762-7106	(207) 287-5650
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	Lansing	800-992-9012	(517) 373-5614
Michigan	Westland	888-968-2737	(734) 727-7300
	Faribault	800-722-0550	(507) 333-4828
Minnesota	Jackson	800-446-0892	(601) 432-4116
Mississippi	Jefferson City	800-392-2614	(573) 751-8720
Missouri	Helena	800-332-3400	(406) 444-2064
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Nebraska	Carson City	800-922-9334	(775) 684-3354
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New York	Albany	800-342-3688	(518) 474-5935
	New York City		(212) 206-5400
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Ohio	Cincinnati	800-582-0335	(513) 369-6999
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Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	800-523-0288	(405) 521-3514
Oregon	Salem	800-452-0292	(503) 378-3849
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Rhode Island	Providence		(401) 222-5800
South Carolina	Columbia	800-922-7818	(803) 734-4611
South Dakota	Pierre	800-423-6665	(605) 773-3131
Tennessee	Nashville	800-342-3308	(615) 741-3915
Texas	Austin	800-252-9605	(512) 463-5458
Utah	Salt Lake City	800-662-5540	(801) 715-6789
Vermont	Berlin	800-479-1711	(802) 828-3273
Virgin Islands	Christiansted		(340) 772-2250
Virginia	Richmond	800-552-7015	(804) 371-3661
Washington	Seattle	800-542-0866	(206) 615-0400
West Virginia	Charleston	800-642-8674	(304) 558-4061
Wisconsin	Milwaukee	800-242-8822	(414) 286-3045
Wyoming	Salt Lake City, Utah	800-453-4293	(801) 715-6789

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Braille Book Review is published bimonthly in large-print, braille, and computer diskette formats and distributed free to blind and physically handicapped individuals who participate in the Library of Congress free reading program. It lists braille books and magazines available through a network of cooperating libraries. The braille edition also lists recorded books, giving abbreviated annotations. News about library services is featured in both editions.

The annotated list in this issue is limited to titles recently added to the national collection, which contains thousands of fiction and nonfiction titles, including classics, biographies, gothics, mysteries, and how-to and self-help guides. To learn more about the wide range of books in the national collection, readers may order catalogs and subject bibliographies from

cooperating libraries. Librarians can check other resources for titles and answer requests for special materials. Readers can receive *Braille Book Review* and other information through the Internet by accessing the NLS home page at www.loc.gov/nls.

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In Brief

The following information is reprinted from two issues of *NLS Flash*, a newsletter created to bring current information on NLS progress in digital technology to patrons, library staff, and other interested individuals.

Flash, June 2007, volume 3, issue 6

Digital talking-book transition provides opportunity to reassess collection building for Library of Congress patrons

As the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), Library of Congress, progresses towards the transition to digital talking books, the Collection Development Section is taking the opportunity to reassess the collections and revisit the principles that have guided book acquisition for the past seventy-five years. Although the collection development policy may be revised, the standard of service will remain constant, with NLS dedicated to providing the best possible resources for its patrons.

Each year, the NLS Collection Development Advisory Group convenes to assess the state of the collections and to consider opportunities for improvement. At the conclusion of the May 23–25, 2007, meeting, the group presented NLS with recommendations to strengthen its collections and also commended the organization for its ongoing commitment to enhancing its patrons' reading experience.

“As we proceed with the digital transition, the Collection Development Section will continue to host this annual meeting to ensure that our collections remain current and relevant to our patrons. It’s a great forum for discussing ways to improve, expand, and diversify our offerings,” says NLS director Frank Kurt Cylke.

NLS has always responded to patrons’ comments and suggestions, and the Collection Development Advisory Group was instituted in 1977 to provide a formal annual method for obtaining advice from around the country. The group consists of four network librarians, four readers-at-large, a children and young adults librarian, and a representative from each of three consumer organizations—the American Council of the Blind, the Blinded Veterans Association, and the National Federation of the Blind. The advisory group advocates for the preferences and concerns of patrons.

The three-day meeting began with an introductory orientation to educate the group about current issues in book selection and production and to provide a general overview of NLS operations. Following a day and a half of discussions of patron concerns, the committee members presented their findings to the NLS director and staff in an open forum.

A job well done

The committee commended NLS for several aspects of its service, including its ongoing progress with the digital initiative and its effectiveness in communicating information about this project to its constituents. Members further commended NLS staff for preserving classic titles

—both fiction and nonfiction—as they move through the digitization process. The group was impressed by the program’s ongoing commitment to providing adult reading materials, books for juvenile reading programs, and continuing to complete series in genre fiction.

Collection recommendations

Spanish-speaking readers are an important audience to the program, and NLS plans to produce more books to reach this growing constituency. The committee recommended that NLS continue to produce Spanish-language books, but with a changed emphasis from literary fiction to nonfiction works about self-help, personal investment, citizenship, and family activities. NLS strongly agrees with this recommendation and plans to broaden the Spanish-language collection.

The committee recommended that NLS develop an ongoing survey in print, audio, and braille formats to assess readers’ current needs and preferences. NLS concedes that more information will be needed, particularly in light of the digital audiobook market. NLS staff want to know how the proliferation of audio materials from both commercial and public-sector sources may affect patrons’ reading decisions, and in what ways, if any, the expanding options should impact NLS collection-building policies.

The committee also suggested that NLS increase the use of tactile graphics in braille books, especially in children’s titles. Thanks to the technological advances in braille production methods, NLS will be able to include more tactile graphics—such as maps, depictions of animals, stars, and planets, and other ob-

jects that lend themselves to tactile representation—in braille books.

In response to the committee's recommendation to expand the diversity of the collection by using alternative bestseller lists as part of the title-selection process, NLS plans to consult lists from more diverse publications, such as *Essence* magazine, in order to offer titles that are consistent with the backgrounds of its patrons.

Children's books also offer an opportunity for extending the program's reach. The committee recommended that the NLS Kids Zone web page inform users about the availability of children's bibliographies from cooperating regional libraries. Additionally, the committee recommended that the NLS children's librarian develop additional bibliographies for Kids Zone. NLS considers bibliographies to be useful to young readers and is currently moving forward with plans to broaden the Kids Zone.

"The 2007 Collection Development Advisory Group meeting was a model of civility, good judgment, and constructive criticism that was greatly appreciated," says Edmund O'Reilly, acting head of the Collection Development Section. "The group's suggestions will be carefully considered and will guide us in our efforts to reexamine our collection-building precepts. The participants identified a number of interesting possibilities for the future, and we've already begun implementing some of their recommendations."

In preparation for the digital launch, NLS has selected 20,000 retrospective titles to be produced for four years. Many of the titles will be available when NLS initiates the service in 2008.

Members of the 2007 Collection Development Advisory Group

Consumer organization representatives

- Otis Stephens, American Council of the Blind
- Peter Davis, Blinded Veterans Association
- Anil Lewis, National Federation of the Blind

Readers-at-large

- Teresa Haifley, Midlands Conference
- David Stewart, Northern Conference
- Chet Avery, Southern Conference
- Fred Riggers, Western Conference

Librarians

- Sharon Ruda, Illinois State Library Talking Book and Braille Service, Midlands Conference
- Patricia Schubert, Manatee Talking Book Library [Florida], Southern Conference
- Catherine Rubin, Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Northern Conference
- Scott Scholz, Nebraska Library Commission, Western Conference
- Sharon Rawlins, New Jersey Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Children/Young Adults

NLS *Flash*, July 2007, volume 3, issue 7

Library of Congress prepares digital talking-book systems contracting schedule

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), Library of Congress, has made substantial progress in engaging production contractors for the digital talking-book (DB) system, thus moving the transition closer to fruition. NLS is in various stages of contracting for production of the digital player, flash cartridge, flash cartridge container, and the player shipping container. All four efforts are essential to implementing the digital system.

A progress report

Digital talking-book machine

NLS is currently in the final stretch of preparing a request for proposals (RFP) to identify a manufacturer to produce digital players. The player must be built according to the technical data package that outlines all materials specifications and software requirements. The technical data package will be available this August. At that time, NLS will release an RFP. Proposals, which will be accepted for one month, will be assessed on multiple criteria, including cost, manufacturing approaches, and how well required design specifications are met. NLS expects to award a contract for player production in late 2007.

“Issuing the player RFP will be a major advancement in our digital transition,”

says Michael Katzmann, chief of the Materials Development Division. “It is imperative that we intensively evaluate all proposals to be sure that we make the award to a responsible, reliable, and capable contractor.”

Before the player is mass produced, it will go through pilot and prelaunch tests. During the pilot stage, two hundred prototypes will be produced and tested. One hundred prototypes will be tested by consumers. Of those, fifty machines will be tested by patrons at the Connecticut State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Rocky Hill. Another fifty will be assessed by participants in the current NLS Internet download pilot program. Additionally, one hundred prototypes will undergo internal testing by experts in NLS’s Quality Assurance Section. Testing will evaluate whether the machine meets all required technical specifications. Necessary modifications will be implemented as needed.

When the contract is awarded for player production, one hundred machines will be used as a baseline, while five thousand units will be used for wider, prelaunch testing. Those exams will assess the production line and quality control processes, as well as component supply chain procurement process. Testing will occur at eight regional libraries across the United States—southern California, Florida, Iowa, Massachusetts, Missouri, New York City, Texas, and Utah. Blind and physically handicapped users will intensely examine the players and recommend any needed changes. Mass production will begin approximately three months after prelaunch testing.

Flash cartridges

NLS is also close to producing flash cartridges. In late June, an RFP was issued for the manufacture of flash cartridges. NLS has determined the physical dimensions of the cartridge, but the contractor will be responsible for creating the internal design to meet the functional requirements. NLS accepted proposals through mid-July. Over the next few months, NLS will evaluate the proposals and select a contractor.

Contracting progress has also been made on the flash cartridge's container. NLS has identified a contractor to produce the containers. Battelle, the lead design-phase contractor, has transferred the design plans to the contractor. In March 2008, NLS plans to produce an initial batch of container prototypes. The containers will undergo extensive usability testing in April 2008 to ensure they hold up in transit. Testing will consist of actual long-distance mailing. NLS will evaluate the usability test results and implement any modifications that are needed. By May 2008, NLS expects to initiate full production of the cartridge container.

Patrons will benefit from the flash cartridge container's functional, yet sleek design. Battelle worked with NLS to finalize the flash cartridge-container specifications during recent engineering and critical design reviews. The container is similar to the cassette container, though slightly longer and wider, half the thickness, and blue in color. The container is designed to hold the flash cartridge in one position, which will make the flash cartridge easier to remove and replace. Straps with snap fasteners tightly seal the lid. Both features will prevent the flash

cartridge from shifting during mailing. A compartment on the back of the container will securely house the mailing card, on which essential information about the book is printed. And because of its improved durability, it will be able to withstand the hazards of transit and hand use.

Player shipping box

Another important piece of the digital system is the player's shipping container or box. To ensure the players get from library to patron in perfect condition, NLS will produce a specially designed box for the player. The corrugated cardboard box will be durable to endure several transits. It will also be easy to open, featuring interlocking flaps that fold to hold the player securely. The flaps will pop out for easy removal of the machine. As the player manufacturer will produce the boxes as well, it will be done on the same time line as player production. The player and shipping box RFP will be the last one NLS issues as part of the digital system.

"These digital system contracts are vital to the successful completion of the digital transition," noted Frank Kurt Cylke, NLS director. "As the momentum builds, we're closing in on the day in 2008 when we can place digital talking books in patrons' hands."

Digital Talking-Book (DB) Milestones

Completed

- Defined and prioritized DB features
- Coordinated development and publication of Specifications for the Digi-

tal Talking Book (ANSI/NISO Z39.86)

- Simulated a DB player using personal computer
- Developed a computer-based, life-cycle cost analysis (LCC) model for the NLS system and for candidate digital systems
- Developed computer software for DB production and presentation
- Developed software to test conformance of players and DBs with the ANSI/NISO standard
- User survey
- Player transition study
- Distribution flash-cartridge study
- Player and flash-cartridge design contract awarded
- Distribution-system design contract awarded
- Distribution-system design contract Phase I, II
- Preliminary design review
- Player and flash-cartridge developed
- DB containers and labels designed
- Web-Magazine pilot concluded
- Web-Book pilot launched
- Digital data management system designed

In process

- Distribution system implementation
- Flash-cartridge contracting/production
- Flash-cartridge duplication
- Manufacture initial lot of DB containers and labels
- Full player production

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To view the *Strategic Business Plan* on the Web visit:
www.loc.gov/nls/businessplan2006.html

Newsstand

The following announcements may be of interest to readers. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reserves the right to publish announcements selectively, as space permits. Items mentioned, however, are not part of the NLS program, and their listing does not imply endorsement.

Cell phone software

In early 2007 the Code Factory released Mobile Speak, a screen reader for mobile phones that allows access to most of the phone's functions. For more information, visit www.mobilespeak.com.

New traveler web site

Travelbraille.com provides excerpts from popular travel guidebooks and newspaper travel sections in a braille format, free to registered users. For more information or to register, visit www.travelbraille.com.

First digital library for Spanish-speaking readers

Tiflolibros is the first digital library for Spanish-speaking blind readers. Created in 1999 by a group of blind friends who

wanted to exchange digital books, the library now has more than twenty thousand books available in Spanish and more than three thousand patrons in America, Europe, and Asia.

Registration is free, but there is a recommended donation of \$50 every six months to support the library's operation. To register, send an e-mail to tiflolibros@tiflolibros.com.ar. For more information, visit www.tiflolibros.com.ar.

calling Emilie Dufor at (212) 620-5000 ext. 345 or sending an e-mail to reservations@rmanyc.org.

Federal student aid information available in audio, on CD, and on line

The U.S. Department of Education has updated its audio recording of information on federal student aid for post-secondary education for blind and visually impaired students. *Audio Highlights*, formerly the *Student Aid Audio Guide*, also provides additional resources, such as web sites and braille and print publications.

Students can request free copies of *Audio Highlights* by contacting the Department of Education's Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-433-3243. Text and audio versions can be read on line at www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov/audio.

Verbal imaging and touch tours at the Rubin Museum of Art

The Rubin Museum of Art in New York City, the first museum in the Western World dedicated to the art of the Himalayas and surrounding regions, offers verbal imaging and touch tours for blind and visually impaired visitors. The one-hour tours are free with museum admission. Individual and group tours are available. Book a tour two weeks in advance by

Books for Adults

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return to your braille-lending library.

Note: For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word “some” before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in “some strong language.”

Adult Nonfiction

Elevator Music: A Surreal History of Muzak, Easy-Listening, and Other Moodsong BR 16443

by Joseph Lanza

4 volumes

Surveys the twentieth-century development of background music—a subdued, unobtrusive genre such as that used in elevators, hotels, and restaurants. Chronicles the history of the Muzak corporation from the 1920s and the parallel growth of easy-listening instrumentals, while discussing prominent musicians, various applications, and cultural prejudice. Includes a discography. 2004.

Cesar’s Way: The Natural, Everyday Guide to Understanding and Correcting Common Dog Problems BR 16533

by Cesar Millan

3 volumes

Mexican-born dog-rehabilitator and star of television’s *Dog Whisperer with Cesar Millan* explains using psychology to train one’s pet. Includes anecdotes from his clients and about his

own pack of dogs. Describes how he teaches owners to “speak” their dog’s language and encourages exercise, discipline, and affection. Bestseller. 2006.

The Stories of Hans Christian

Andersen BR 16541

translated by Diana Crone Frank and Jeffrey Frank

3 volumes

Modern English translation of twenty-two familiar and unfamiliar tales by Danish storyteller Hans Christian Andersen (1805–1875). “The Little Mermaid” is told with its original dark ending. Contains notes on the stories and an essay introducing Andersen and his times. 2003.

I Never Loved a Man the Way I Love You: Aretha Franklin, Respect, and the Making of a Soul Music

Masterpiece BR 16543

by Matt Dobkin

2 volumes

Recounts Aretha Franklin’s musical accomplishments and her struggles as a Detroit jazz singer. Describes the remarkable success of her 1967 album and how she became the “queen of soul.” Reconstructs the creative process during the recording studio sessions that led to Aretha’s breakthrough performance. 2004.

The Journey: How to Live by Faith in an Uncertain World BR 16548

by Billy Graham

2 volumes

The Reverend Billy Graham explains his understanding of the meaning and purpose of God, Jesus, the Bible, and the Holy Spirit and their role in daily life. Describes ways to deal with challenges and temptations and offers

practical advice on living joyously.
2006.

**The Book of the Year: A Brief History
of Our Seasonal Holidays BR 16556**

by Anthony F. Aveni

2 volumes

Anthropology professor traces the origins and history of modern customs and traditions that are part of our annual seasonal calendar. Explains how various cultures, ancient festivals, and myths contributed to these observances and how they evolved as societal needs changed. 2003.

**The Wizard of Sun City: The Strange
True Story of Charles Hatfield, the
Rainmaker Who Drowned a City's
Dreams BR 16561**

by Garry Jenkins

2 volumes

Biography of Charles Hatfield (1875–1958), part con man, part scientist, and self-proclaimed rainmaker. Focuses on the deal Hatfield made with San Diego councilmen to conjure enough rain to fill the city's reservoir. Describes the subsequent January 1916 flood, the city's worst ever, that led to accusations against Hatfield. 2005.

**Marley and Me: Life and Love with the
World's Worst Dog BR 16584**

by John Grogan

2 volumes

A columnist for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* reminisces about the untrainable Labrador retriever that he and his wife acquired as Florida newlyweds. Recalls Marley's hilarious escapades and his capacity for love as the Grogans become the parents of three kids. Bestseller. 2005.

**The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio:
How My Mother Raised Ten Kids on
Twenty-five Words or Less BR 16588**

by Terry Ryan

3 volumes

A daughter recounts how her mother overcame poverty, near-starvation, and an alcoholic, abusive husband to support ten children during the 1940s, '50s, and '60s. Relates the mother's talent for writing prize-winning jingles. 2001.

**Falling Palace: A Romance of Naples
BR 16690**

by Dan Hofstadter

2 volumes

American author recounts his first visit to Naples, Italy, as a teenager, when he fell in love with the city and with Benedetta, one of its enigmatic denizens. Describes the architecture, festivals, café life, and locals he encountered then and during subsequent visits while pursuing the mysterious young Benedetta. 2005.

**Blender Baby Food: Over 125 Recipes
for Healthy Homemade Meals
BR 16797**

by Nicole Young

2 volumes

More than a hundred recipes for creating nutritious foods for babies ages six to twelve months and older. Emphasizes fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and meats, with meal and snack plans for various stages of development. Each step-by-step recipe includes nutritional information, preparation instructions, and serving tips. 2005.

**Health Care on Less than You Think:
The New York Times Guide to Getting
Affordable Coverage BR 16817**

by Fred Brock

2 volumes

Former editor for the *New York Times* investigates the availability of affordable health-care insurance. Assesses employer-based plans, coverage outside of work, supplemental dental and eye policies, health savings accounts, prescription drug plans, Medicare, long-term care insurance, and other options. Offers advice on protecting finances against medical costs. 2006.

**The Real Food Daily Cookbook: Really
Fresh, Really Good, Really Vegetarian
BR 16820**

by Ann Gentry

2 volumes

California restaurant owner offers dozens of plant-based, low-fat dishes utilizing organic whole grains, vegetables, legumes, soy products, and other locally grown ingredients. Includes recipes for appetizers, sauces, salsas, soups, breads, sandwiches, sides, and desserts, as well as seasonal entrees blending international and American cuisines. 2005.

**QuickFacts: Colon Cancer; What You
Need to Know—Now BR 16822**

by American Cancer Society

1 volume

The American Cancer Society highlights the risk factors and causes of colorectal cancer. Describes prevention, detection, diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up care for the disease. Discusses Medicare coverage. 2007.

Grayson BR 16883

by Lynne Cox

1 volume

Author recalls an encounter from her teenage years when a baby gray whale followed her during a long-distance training swim along the California coast. Describes communicating with the calf she called Grayson and battling fatigue, fifty-five-degree water, and dehydration to protect him until he was reunited with his mother.

Bestseller. 2006.

**Gather Together in My Name
BR 16910**

by Maya Angelou

2 volumes

A continuation of *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (BR 15665), this memoir begins at the end of World War II. Angelou recalls being an unwed mother at seventeen and becoming a prostitute for an older man who deceived her. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1974.

Braille Books, 2003–2004 BR 17059

by National Library Service for the
Blind and Physically Handicapped

3 volumes

A catalog of braille books produced during 2003 and 2004 by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Separate sections list fiction and nonfiction by subject categories. Young adult books and uncontracted braille books are also included. 2006.

The Freedom Writers Diary: How a Teacher and 150 Teens Used Writing to Change Themselves and the World around Them BR 17066

by Freedom Writers

3 volumes

Diary entries written by high school students who were inspired by their English teacher. Entries cover racial identity, drug addiction, and family situations including murder and molestation. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. Bestseller. 1999.

Women and Money: Owning the Power to Control Your Destiny BR 17069

by Suze Orman

2 volumes

Financial guru, author of *The Money Book for the Young, Fabulous, and Broke* (BR 16335), and host of her own financial television show focuses on women and their finances. Describes the basics of money management, the eight qualities of a wealthy woman, and her recommendations for financial security. Bestseller. 2007.

Yellow Jack: How Yellow Fever Ravaged America and Walter Reed Discovered Its Deadly Secrets BR 17082

by John R. Pierce and

Jim Writer

3 volumes

Traces yellow fever's history and impact in America since the seventeenth century. Chronicles the efforts of army major and physician Walter Reed and the U.S. Army Yellow Fever Board beginning in 1900 to research the cause, spread, and control of this acute

viral hemorrhagic disease and ultimately banish it. 2005.

Life after Death: The Burden of Proof BR 17088

by Deepak Chopra

3 volumes

Doctor explores scientific discoveries and ancient religious traditions to address the subject of the afterlife. Posits that life and death are not separated by an impassable wall and that a person can shape what happens after death. 2006.

A Song Flung Up to Heaven BR 17099

by Maya Angelou

1 volume

In this sixth volume of her memoirs, Angelou documents her return to America from Ghana in the 1960s to participate in the civil rights movement. Discusses the assassinations of Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr., the Watts riots, her friendship with James Baldwin—and their impact on her life. 2002.

Adult Fiction

So Yesterday BR 16438

by Scott Westerfeld

2 volumes

Hunter, a New York City teenager paid by corporations to spot what is “cool,” combines his analytical skills with his girlfriend Jen’s creative talents to find his missing boss Mandy. They thwart a plot to subvert a consumer system based on trends and profit. For senior high readers. 2004.

Digging to America BR 16583

by Anne Tyler

2 volumes

Two families—the American Donaldsons and the Iranian American Yazdans—meet at the airport when their adopted daughters arrive from Korea. Yazdan matriarch Maryam, who emigrated from Iran, feels increasingly alienated as she observes the younger generations' interactions during their annual arrival-day anniversaries. 2006.

Beating Heart: A Ghost Story BR 16587

by A.M. Jenkins

1 volume

After his parents' divorce, seventeen-year-old Evan moves with his mother and young sister into an old house that is haunted by the spirit of a nineteenth-century teenage girl named Cora. Evan soon has intimate dreams of Cora that threaten his real-life romance. For senior high readers. 2006.

Boy Girl Boy BR 16589

by Ron Koertge

1 volume

Childhood friends Elliot, Teresa, and Larry plan to run away to California after graduation and leave behind their small Illinois town and family problems. But as the senior year progresses and each struggles for individuality, the three begin to doubt the feasibility of the plan. For senior high readers. 2005.

Black and White BR 16593

by Paul Volponi

1 volume

Long Island. Marcus Brown, black, and Eddie Russo, white—best friends

and high school basketball stars—stick up people for easy money. When a holdup leads to an accidental shooting, the two find unequal justice in a biased system. Strong language and some violence. For senior high readers. 2005.

The Book of the Dead: A Pendergast Mystery BR 16652

by Douglas Preston and

Lincoln Child

4 volumes

FBI agent Aloysius Pendergast, from *Dance of Death* (BR 16231), languishes in prison for murders committed by his psychotic brother, Diogenes. Meanwhile, New York's natural history museum unseals an Egyptian tomb, precipitating more killings. Aloysius escapes to confront his brother in a deadly showdown. Strong language and some violence. Best-seller. 2006.

Believing the Dream: Return to Red River, Book 2 BR 16736

by Lauraine Snelling

3 volumes

1890s. Thorliff Bjorklund, an aspiring journalist at college in Minnesota, confronts his failing relationship with his childhood sweetheart, Anji, whom he left behind in North Dakota. Meanwhile, Thorliff's friend Elizabeth Rogers inadvertently causes heartbreak in pursuit of her medical career. For senior high and older readers. 2002.

Surviving Antarctica: Reality TV 2083 BR 16743

by Andrea White

2 volumes

By 2083 a deteriorating American civilization is dominated by "reality" television programs. Five fourteen-year-

olds reenact Scott's 1910 failed expedition to the South Pole as contestants on the Historical Survivor series. They overcome obstacles with the covert help of a Department of Entertainment employee. For junior and senior high readers. 2005.

The Valley of Horses: Earth's Children, Book 2 BR 16780

by Jean M. Auel
6 volumes

Ice Age heroine Ayla leaves her adoptive family, from *The Clan of the Cave Bear* (BR 16674), and sets out alone. She reaches the Valley of Horses, where she rescues a young man and struggles with her growing attraction to him. Explicit descriptions of sex and some violence. 1982.

Final Curtain: An Inspector Roderick Alleyn Mystery BR 16787

by Ngaio Marsh
3 volumes

Troy Alleyn, wife of Inspector Roderick Alleyn, paints a portrait of Shakespearean actor Sir Henry Ancred, a patriarch preparing to marry a young chorus girl. After a tense birthday dinner, Henry is found dead. Troy, finally reunited with Roderick after a prolonged separation, suspects poisoning and enlists Roderick's aid. 1947.

The A.B.C. Murders BR 16788

by Agatha Christie
2 volumes

England, 1935. Belgian detective Hercule Poirot receives letters signed "A.B.C." that announce the date and location of future crimes. When the killer strikes Mrs. Ascher in Andover and then Miss Barnard in Bexhill,

Poirot knows it's no coincidence and hurries to find the culprit before he completes the alphabet. 1935.

Full of Grace BR 16789

by Dorothea Benton Frank
3 volumes

Grace Russo moved to Charleston, South Carolina, to be near her parents, who live on Hilton Head. They are staunch Italian Catholics and do not approve of Michael, Grace's live-in Irish, possibly atheist, boyfriend. But with Grace anything is possible, even miracles. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2006.

What Came Before He Shot Her BR 16802

by Elizabeth George
5 volumes

Londoner Glory Campbell abandons her three grandchildren and returns to Jamaica. Eleven-year-old Joel, recruited by a drug dealer, ends up a year later, armed, at the doorstep of inspector Thomas Lynley. Sequel to *With No One as Witness* (BR 15959). Violence and strong language. Best-seller. 2006.

Single in Suburbia BR 16805

by Wendy Wax
3 volumes

Soon-to-be-divorced mother-of-two Amanda Sheridan befriends trophy wife Brooke Mackenzie and three-time divorcée Candy Sugarman. The three decide to earn money and self-respect by disguising themselves as French maids and cleaning houses, including that of former pro baseball player Hunter James. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2006.

Love, Football, and Other Contact Sports BR 16815

by Alden R. Carter

2 volumes

Interconnected short stories centering on a Wisconsin high school's football team and their friends. In "Elvis" a football player collects money so a foster girl can go to homecoming. In "Kicker Wanted" a punter's female rugby-playing English cousin becomes the new field-goal kicker. For senior high readers. 2006.

Learning to Kill: Stories BR 16821

by Ed McBain

3 volumes

For this anthology the author selected twenty-five of his earlier stories published in pulp magazines under the bylines of Evan Hunter, Richard Marsten, and Hunt Collins. Written in the 1950s, the tales are filled with damsels in distress, PIs, and cops. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2006.

The Cat Who Had Sixty Whiskers BR 16828

by Lilian Jackson Braun

1 volume

Journalist Jim Qwilleran covers the changing times in Moose County. A senior center is planned and a mansion is being converted into a charitable museum. When a young woman mysteriously dies from a bee sting, Siamese cat Koko uses his extra whiskers to sniff out a murderer. Bestseller. 2007.

The Double Bind BR 16838

by Chris Bohjalian

3 volumes

Twenty-six-year-old Laurel Estabrook has worked in a Burlington, Vermont,

homeless shelter since surviving a brutal attack six years ago. When resident Bobbie Crocker dies, Laurel finds his photographs of musical jazz greats and investigates Bobbie's past. Some violence and some strong language.

Bestseller. 2007.

H.R.H. BR 16875

by Danielle Steel

3 volumes

After college graduation Princess Christianna's royal father allows her to volunteer anonymously at an international relief camp in Africa. Christianna falls in love with Parker Williams, a physician working with Doctors without Borders, but violence invades their haven. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some violence.

Bestseller. 2006.

Sisters BR 16876

by Danielle Steel

3 volumes

Four siblings pull together during a family crisis. After their mother is tragically killed and sister Annie, an artist, is blinded, supermodel Candy, television producer Tammy, and lawyer Sabrina move into a New York townhouse to grieve and cope. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller. 2007.

The Collectors BR 16877

by David Baldacci

3 volumes

When someone murders the head of the rare book room of the Library of Congress, eccentric colleague Caleb Shaw rounds up his buddies from *The Camel Club* (BR 16229) to investigate. Soon con artist Annabelle Conroy crosses their path. Some violence and

some strong language. Bestseller. 2006.

Hollywood Station BR 16878

by Joseph Wambaugh
3 volumes

While trying to avoid allegations of racial profiling, a seasoned LAPD sergeant known as the Oracle dispatches veteran cops with rookies to deal with the addicts, crazies, and gangbangers that inhabit Hollywood. After a jewelry-store robbery, the investigation leads to the Russian Mafia. Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2006.

The Shape Shifter: A Joe Leaphorn/Jim Chee Mystery BR 16879

by Tony Hillerman
2 volumes

A valuable antique native rug, thought to have been destroyed in a fire that took the life of a notorious killer, is discovered in the mansion of Flagstaff millionaire Jason Delos. Retired Navajo tribal policeman Joe Leaphorn investigates and finds himself facing an evil skinwalker. Some violence. Bestseller. 2006.

Whitethorn Woods BR 16882

by Maeve Binchy
3 volumes

When residents of Rossmore learn that a new highway will bypass their Irish town and cut through the woods, they argue about the possible effects. Father Flynn wants to preserve the mystical St. Ann's Well located at the edge of the forest but listens to all opinions. Bestseller. 2006.

Family Tree BR 16907

by Barbara Delinsky
3 volumes

After interior designer Dana Clarke and her husband, Hugh, a lawyer from a prominent New England dynasty, have a baby girl with African American features, Dana searches for the father she never knew. The white couple uncovers long-held family secrets and prejudice. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2007.

A Christmas Secret BR 16908

by Anne Perry
1 volume

December, 1890. London vicar Dominic Corde and his wife, Clarice, spend Christmas in an isolated village where Dominic substitutes for the Reverend Wynter, who has taken a last-minute holiday. But Wynter isn't on vacation at all. Dominic and Clarice investigate but soon find themselves in danger. 2006.

The Alibi Man BR 16909

by Tami Hoag
3 volumes

Horse trainer Elena Estes, a former narcotics detective, discovers the body of her coworker Irina Markova in a canal. Elena's investigation leads to her previous Palm Beach, Florida, circles, where she finds ties to the Russian mob and society elite, including Bennett Walker—her ex-fiancé. Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2007.

The Mission Song BR 17060

by John Le Carré
3 volumes

Irish Congolese Bruno "Salvo" Salvador works in London translating Swa-

hili and tribal languages of the Congo for various clients including British Intelligence. At a secret peace conference between Central African warlords he uncovers a corporate conspiracy and tries to thwart a coup. Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2006.

Lisey's Story BR 17062

by Stephen King

5 volumes

Maine. Lisey, the widow of prizewinning author Scott Landon, hears her husband's voice while organizing his papers, caring for her catatonic sister, and avoiding a stalker. Lisey enters Scott's imaginary world of Boo'ya Moon and fights his demons as well as her own. Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2006.

Hannibal Rising BR 17063

by Thomas Harris

2 volumes

Children Hannibal Lecter and his sister Mischa experience unbearable horrors in Lithuania during World War II. Finding refuge in France, the teenaged Hannibal is tormented by memories and begins to develop his own grim, monstrous nature. Prequel to *Silence of the Lambs* (BR 13149). Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2006.

Heart-Shaped Box BR 17064

by Joe Hill

3 volumes

Middle-aged rock star Judas Coyne collects morbid curios. He buys a haunted suit online and discovers that it belonged to Craddock McDermott, the deceased stepfather of one of Coyne's groupies. Over time, both Coyne's own motives and those of McDermott's ghost are revealed. Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2007.

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Dust: A Richard Jury Mystery

BR 17065

by Martha Grimes

3 volumes

Scotland Yard detective Richard Jury investigates the murder of wealthy bachelor Billy Maples, who had been caring for Henry James's former house in Rye. Jury discovers that the victim's grandfather was a World War II code breaker, and enlists Melrose Plant's assistance. Meanwhile, Jury juggles two affairs. Strong language. Bestseller. 2007.

Step on a Crack: A Michael Bennett Mystery BR 17068

by James Patterson and

Michael Ledwidge

2 volumes

When terrorists take celebrities hostage at the funeral of a former first lady, NYPD negotiator Michael Bennett does his job: he confronts the group's mastermind, the Neat Man. But at home Bennett—father of ten—learns that his wife is seriously ill. Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2007.

Wild Fire: A John Corey Novel

BR 17070

by Nelson DeMille

4 volumes

New York, 2002. John Corey and his FBI wife Kate Mayfield discover a plot by right-wing extremists, led by Bain Madox, to destroy two American cities with suitcase bombs. Their goal is to incite nuclear war with the Middle East. Violence, strong language,

and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2006.

The Old Wine Shades: A Richard Jury Mystery BR 17071

by Martha Grimes

3 volumes

On leave since *The Winds of Change* (BR 16911), detective Richard Jury is intrigued by a tale physicist Harry Johnson tells at a pub: the family of Johnson's friend disappeared and only the dog returned. Jury is investigating when a body is found. Strong language and some violence. Bestseller. 2006.

The Road BR 17072

by Cormac McCarthy

2 volumes

A father and his young son journey south after the destruction of the civilized world. Their survival kit consists of a few blankets, a pistol, a cart of scavenged food, and their love for each other. Their values are tested by occasional encounters with other desperate survivors. Bestseller. 2006.

Brothers BR 17074

by Da Chen

4 volumes

China, 1960s Cultural Revolution. Tan is heir of a general, but his illegitimate half brother Shento is abandoned. After Chairman Mao's death, Tan flees and builds a business, while Shento prospers in the army. Their lives converge at Tiananmen Square. Some explicit descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. 2006.

Shadow Prey BR 17075

by John Sandford

3 volumes

As a rookie cop, FBI director Lawrence Clay raped a young Native American woman. Years later, an assassin seeking vengeance lures him to Minneapolis, where homicide detective Lucas Davenport and New York policewoman Lily Rothenburg investigate a series of ritual killings. Explicit descriptions of sex, violence, and strong language. 1990.

If Morning Ever Comes BR 17076

by Anne Tyler

2 volumes

Columbia law student Ben Joe Hawkes rushes home to Sandhill, North Carolina, when he learns that one of his six sisters has left her husband. Restless, Ben Joe renews his acquaintance with the townspeople and spontaneously asks his high school girlfriend to marry him. 1964.

Scales of Justice: An Inspector

Roderick Alleyn Mystery BR 17078

by Ngaio Marsh

2 volumes

Inspector Roderick Alleyn of Scotland Yard tracks a killer in the seemingly peaceful English village of Swevenings after a body is found in a thicket by the trout stream. He discovers that violent death is just as gruesome among the gentry as among the working class. 1955.

Wives Behaving Badly BR 17080

by Elizabeth Buchan

3 volumes

In this sequel to *Revenge of the Middle-Aged Woman* (BR 15289) Minty, Nathan Lloyd's second wife and the

mother of twins, finds marriage disappointing and resents Nathan's older children and his first wife Rose, her former boss. But when tragedy strikes the two women reconnect. 2006.

Mourners: A "Nameless Detective"

Mystery BR 17083

by Bill Pronzini

2 volumes

The Nameless Detective is hired by James Troxell's wife to discover why her husband has taken to attending the funerals of murdered women he doesn't know. "Nameless" is also having marital problems; and his partners, Tamara and Jake, have their own issues with mourning. Violence and strong language. 2006.

Samurai Shortstop BR 17085

by Alan Gratz

2 volumes

Tokyo, 1890s. After his uncle commits ritual suicide, Toyo enters an elite Western boarding school. But to understand his family's samurai tradition, Toyo trains in the old ways, profoundly affecting his baseball game and his relationship with his father. Some violence. For junior and senior high readers. 2006.

Blue Screen: A Sunny Randall Mystery BR 17093

by Robert B. Parker

2 volumes

It is Sunny Randall's job to protect starlet Erin Flint, the lover of sleazy movie producer Buddy Bollen. After Erin's sister Misty is murdered in Buddy's mansion, Sunny helps Jesse Stone, chief of police in Paradise, Massachusetts, expose a killer. De-

scriptions of sex, strong language, and some violence. 2006.

Love Story BR 17095

by Erich Segal

1 volume

Wealthy Harvard senior Oliver Barrett IV falls in love with wisecracking Radcliffe music student Jenny Cavilleri. Oliver marries Jenny despite his father's threat to disown him. They seek a life together without assistance from Oliver's family in what proves to be a bittersweet love story. Strong language. 1970.

Rumpole and the Reign of Terror: A

Rumpole Mystery BR 17098

by John Mortimer

2 volumes

British barrister Horace Rumpole takes on the government when he accepts the case of a Pakistani doctor accused of aiding Al Qaeda. He also alienates his colleagues, his wife Hilda, and other clients, while he battles his own doubts. Meanwhile Hilda writes her memoirs. 2006.

Books for Children

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

Children's Nonfiction

My Five Senses BR 16552

by Alik

1 volume

Introduces the physical senses: sight, hearing, taste, smell, and touch. Gives examples of using each sense. For pre-school-grade 2. 1989.

On the Field with . . . Mia Hamm BR 16814

by Glenn Stout

1 volume

Biography of one of the top female soccer players in the United States. Describes how Mia Hamm helped her team win a gold medal in the 1996 Olympics and a victory in the 1999 World Cup championship. Includes a chronology of Hamm's career highlights. For grades 4-7. 1998.

Profiles in Sports Courage BR 16839

by Ken Rappoport

1 volume

Presents twelve outstanding athletes of the twentieth century who persevered against racism, sexism, illness, or other obstacles. These men and women include boxer Muhammad Ali, gymnast Kerri Strug, cyclist Lance Armstrong, one-handed baseball pitcher Jim Abbott, and figure skater Ekaterina Gordeeva. Uncontracted braille. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 2006.

The Monster Health Book: A Guide to Eating Healthy, Being Active, and Feeling Great for Monsters and Kids! BR 16844

by Edward Miller

1 volume

Introduces basic rules and tips for healthy eating and exercise habits.

Covers the five food groups and meal and snack recommendations. Explains the importance of sleep and the healthy body and mind connection. Lists fun ways to be active. For grades 2-4. 2006.

The Hero and the Minotaur: The Fantastic Adventures of Theseus BR 17008

retold by Robert Byrd

1 volume

Retells Greek myths of Theseus, the heroic prince who sought adventures and defeated monsters. Includes the tales of Ariadne helping Theseus escape the labyrinth after he killed the Minotaur, of Daedalus and Icarus's flight, and of Theseus neglecting to change his ship's black sails.

PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 3-6. 2005.

Arrorró, Mi Niño/Latino Lullabies and Gentle Games BR 17011

compiled by Lulu Delacre

1 volume

Fifteen traditional Latin American nursery rhymes and songs, some with finger-play activities, are presented in Spanish with English translations. (Quince selecciones de versos, nanas y juegos, provenientes de América Latina se presentan en español con traducciones en inglés.) PRINT/

BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2.
Belpré Honor Book. 2004.

The Boy Who Cried Wolf BR 17012

retold by B.G. Hennessy

1 volume

In this retelling of Aesop's fable, a bored shepherd boy finds excitement by yelling that a wolf is after his sheep. Twice he cries "Wolf!" and the villagers come running to help. The third time, hungry wolves really do arrive. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 2006.

Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom BR 17014

by Carole Boston Weatherford

1 volume

Portrays the bravery and faith of Harriet Tubman, who fled slavery before the Civil War. Describes how she risked her new safety to return to the South many times and led slaves to freedom along the Underground Railroad. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4. 2006.

The Little Red Hen BR 17017

by Jerry Pinkney

1 volume

Classic fable of barnyard animals who refuse to help the little red hen plant or harvest wheat but who want to eat the bread she bakes. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2006.

The Juniper Tree: And Other Tales from Grimm BR 17081

selected by Lore Segal and Maurice Sendak

2 volumes

Twenty-seven stories translated from the Brothers Grimm collection of German folktales. Features "Hansel and Gretel," "The Fisherman and His

Wife," "Rapunzel," and lesser-known tales like the title piece, in which a wicked stepmother is punished for her crime. Some violence. For grades 4-7. 1973.

The Adventures of Odysseus BR 17118

retold by Hugh Lupton and Daniel Morden

1 volume

A retelling of the Greek myth that recounts Odysseus's ordeals during the prolonged voyage home after the Trojan War, from his encounter with Cyclops to reclaiming his wife Penelope and son Telemachus. For grades 4-7. 2006.

Children's Fiction

The Enchanted Castle BR 16539

by E. Nesbit

2 volumes

During the winter holiday, three English siblings Gerald, Jimmy, and Kathleen, with their friend, Mabel, discover a magic ring that leads them on strange adventures. They try to control the powers of the ring and solve the mystery of the enchanted castle. For grades 4-7. 1907.

Jack's Run BR 16586

by Roland Smith

2 volumes

With his trial date approaching, drug czar Alonzo Aznar kidnaps Jack and his sister Joanne. They attempt a daring escape while their parents, aided by some old friends, plan a rescue. Sequel to *Zach's Lie* (BR 14667). For grades 6-9. 2005.

The Homework Machine BR 16590

by Dan Gutman

1 volume

Fifth-grade class geek Brenton figures out how to get his computer to do his homework for him. His mistake is letting his seating group (the class clown, the teacher's pet, and a slacker) in on his secret. For grades 3-6. 2006.

The Higher Power of Lucky BR 16881

by Susan Patron

1 volume

Hard Pan, California: population forty-three. Convinced that her guardian, Brigitte, wants to return to France, ten-year-old Lucky Trimble runs away during a sandstorm with her dog, HMS Beagle. Lucky encounters her five-year-old neighbor Miles, and the three of them have an adventure. For grades 4-7. Newbery Medal. 2006.

Meet Kit: An American Girl, Book 1 BR 16890

by Valerie Tripp

1 volume

Cincinnati, 1934. When her father loses his car dealership during the Great Depression, Kit and her family are forced to make many changes. Nine-year-old Kit proves to be as resourceful as her mother. For grades 3-6. 2000.

Coming On Home Soon BR 17009

by Jacqueline Woodson

1 volume

Ada Ruth is lonely and misses her mother, who has gone to Chicago to look for work. It's wartime and there isn't much food, but even Ada Ruth's grandmother can't say no to the little surprise they find one snowy day.

PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3.

Caldecott Honor Book. 2004.

A Place Called Kindergarten

BR 17010

by Jessica Harper

1 volume

The barnyard animals worry when their young friend Tommy does not appear at his usual time. The dog informs them that Tommy left on a big yellow bus and went to some place called kindergarten. Tommy returns to tell about his wonderful day. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 2006.

Snip Snap! What's That? BR 17013

by Mara Bergman

1 volume

Three children are very scared when they hear an alligator creeping up the stairs, snipping and snapping with his big teeth. Whatever will they do? PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 2005.

Ice Bear: In the Steps of the Polar Bear BR 17015

by Nicola Davies

1 volume

Describes how the polar bear thrives in the frozen Arctic world. Explains the lessons that the Inuit people have learned from watching Nanuk, as they call the large white bear. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2005.

Grandfather's Dance BR 17094

by Patricia MacLachlan

1 volume

As her family gathers for the prairie wedding of her sister Anna, fourth-grader Cassie wonders about all the fuss. She observes the similarities between her little brother Jack and her

grandfather, who dances at Anna's wedding. Sequel to *More Perfect than the Moon* (BR 15693). For grades 3-6. 2006.

**Jackson Jones and Mission Greentop
BR 17103**

by Mary Quattlebaum

1 volume

Ten-year-old Jackson Jones has grown way too much zucchini, but he still values his community garden. When a developer plans to build apartments on the land, it's up to Jackson to save the garden. Sequel to *Jackson Jones and the Puddle of Thorns* (BR 10064). For grades 3-6. 2004.

Rules BR 17108

by Cynthia Lord

1 volume

Sometimes twelve-year-old Catherine resents her autistic brother, David, who breaks rules and gets all her parents' attention. She meets Jason, a teenage nonverbal paraplegic, at David's therapy center. As the two become friends, Catherine realizes that accepting differences matters more than any rules. For grades 5-8. Schneider Family Book Award. 2006.

**Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows
BR 17210**

by J.K. Rowling

10 volumes

Sequel to *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* (BR 16000). In this concluding volume in the Harry Potter series, young wizard Harry and his friends learn about the Deathly Hallows, three magical objects that can help them defeat Voldemort. The Battle of Hogwarts ensues. For grades 4-7. 2007.

Braille Magazines

The following is a list of braille magazines in the Library of Congress program. Readers may obtain free personal subscriptions to these magazines. For information on the availability of specific magazines, consult the library that sends you braille materials.

Boys' Life (for children and teens; monthly)

Braille Book Review (bimonthly)

Braille Chess Magazine (British quarterly)

Braille Music Magazine (British monthly)

Conundrum (British monthly)

Cooking Light (10 issues)

ESPN: The Magazine (biweekly)

Harper's (literary; monthly)

Health Newsletters (includes **Harvard Health Letter**, **Mayo Clinic Health Letter**, and **University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter**; monthly)

Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine (monthly)

Ladies' Home Journal (monthly)

Martha Stewart Living (home and entertaining; 10 issues)

Muse (for children; 10 issues)

The Musical Mainstream (quarterly)

National Geographic (monthly)

The New York Times Large Type Weekly (weekly)

News (NLS quarterly)

Parenting (monthly except January and July)

PC World (personal computing; monthly)

Playboy (monthly)

Poetry (11 issues)

Popular Communications (monthly)

Popular Mechanics (monthly)

Popular Music Lead Sheets (irregular)

Rolling Stone (popular culture; 24 issues)

Science News (weekly)

Seventeen (for teens; monthly)

Short Stories (British monthly)

Spider: The Magazine for Children (monthly)

Stone Soup (children's writings; 5 issues)

Update (NLS quarterly)

The Washington Post Book World (weekly)

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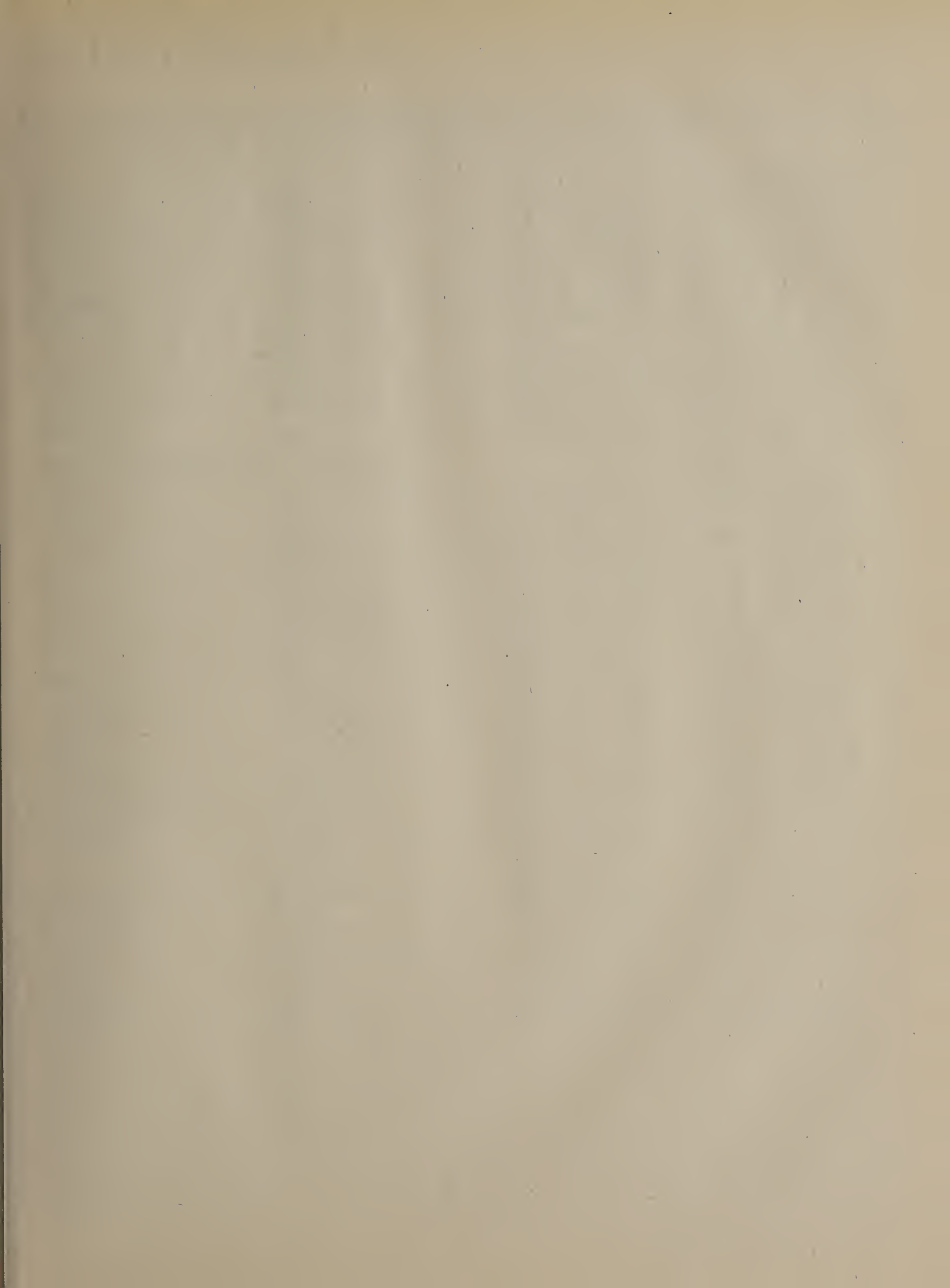
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In Brief

Correction to CDAG information

The January–February 2008 issue of *Braille Book Review* incorrectly listed contact information for two members of the Collection Development Advisory Group. The e-mail address for Patricia Schubert of the Manatee Talking Book Library in Bradenton, Florida, is patricia.schubert@mymanatee.org. The address for the Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book and Braille Service is 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln NE 68508-2023.

Newsstand

The following announcement may be of interest to readers. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reserves the right to publish announcements selectively, as space permits. The item mentioned, however, is not part of the NLS program, and its listing does not imply endorsement.

Cell phone reads to blind and dyslexic users

A new cell phone developed by K-NFB Reading Technologies, a joint venture of Kurzweil Technologies and the National Federation of the Blind, offers the smallest text-to-speech reading device available. Users of the pocket-sized K-NFB reader, which weighs 4.2 ounces, need only to point the cell phone at print material and push a button to activate the text-to-speech software.

The cell phone also includes features for music playback, a global positioning system (GPS), wireless communications, photography, e-mail, text messaging, calendars, and more. The device can store thousands of files of print materials and may be upgraded with additional memory. The phone and its software cost between \$2,100 and \$2,200. For more information, visit <http://knfbreader.com> or call 1-877-547-1500.

Books for Adults

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return to your braille-lending library.

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Adult Nonfiction

Sky Walking: An Astronaut's Memoir BR 16597

by Tom Jones

4 volumes

Astronaut describes his eleven years in the NASA program, from training experiences to four different space shuttle missions. Provides first-person accounts of stepping through the ship's airlock into the vastness of space, working with Russian cosmonauts, and sharing the camaraderie of his fellow astronauts. 2006.

Holding Back the Sea: The Struggle on the Gulf Coast to Save America BR 16607

by Christopher Hallowell

3 volumes

Professor examines the plight of coastal Louisiana wetlands. Attributes their decline to sea-level rise, erosion, dredging, and the levee system and discusses how special-interest groups have hampered preservation efforts. The account, first published in 2001, predicts the inevitability and consequences of hurricanes and includes a

post-Hurricane Katrina introduction. 2005.

The Bedside Book of Birds: An Avian Miscellany BR 16608

by Graeme Gibson

2 volumes

A compilation of stories, poems, essays, and scientific observations exploring human fascination with birds. Selections span the centuries from Aristotle and Ovid to Charles Darwin, Edgar Allan Poe, Peter Matthiessen, and Margaret Atwood. Dorothy Hartley explains in “Goose Grease” the characteristics and uses of this fat. 2005.

A Sense of the World: How a Blind Man Became History's Greatest Traveler BR 16660

by Jason Roberts

3 volumes

Biography of Englishman James Holman (1786–1857), who was blinded at twenty-five after serving in the Napoleonic wars and who then achieved fame as a world traveler. Quoting from Holman's memoirs, describes how he fought slavery in Africa, survived captivity in Siberia, charted the Australian outback, and published three books. 2006.

Murder in Tombstone: The Forgotten Trial of Wyatt Earp BR 16663

by Steven Lubet

3 volumes

Details the Arizona court case that followed the 1881 gunfight at the O.K. Corral, in which Wyatt Earp, his brothers, and Doc Holliday faced murder charges. Describes how lawyer Thomas Fitch defended Earp at the

preliminary hearing and saved him from the gallows. 2004.

The Nature-Friendly Garden: Creating a Backyard Haven for Plants, Wildlife, and People BR 16677

by Marlene A. Condon

2 volumes

Birds and Blooms magazine field editor's guide to cultivating an ecological, low-maintenance garden to serve as a habitat for native species. Environmentally conscious techniques stress reducing lawn area and eliminating chemicals. Discusses using natural fertilizers and pesticides, creating ponds, and observing wildlife. Offers tips for elderly and disabled gardeners. 2006.

What Caused the Civil War?

Reflections on the South and Southern History BR 16836

by Edward L. Ayers

2 volumes

Analyzes the essence of Southern culture and its permeation of American society. Essays include topics on the Civil War, Reconstruction, the "New South," and Ayers's childhood in segregated Tennessee in the 1960s. Some strong language. 2005.

Soldier: The Life of Colin Powell BR 16845

by Karen DeYoung

8 volumes

Washington Post reporter interviews retired general Colin Powell to chronicle his rise from a son of Jamaican immigrants to U.S. Secretary of State. Highlights his army life, which culminated with his role as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and explains his decision not to run for president. 2006.

Seaworthy: Adrift with William Willis in the Golden Age of Rafting BR 16854

by T.R. Pearson

2 volumes

Chronicles the life of German-born sailor William Willis (1893–1968), highlighting his voyages aboard small crafts of his own design and construction. Describes his 1954 115-day, trans-Pacific solo journey (with a cat and a parrot), during which he endured injuries, ailments, storms, and other calamities and survived by drinking seawater. 2006.

The Reluctant Mr. Darwin: An Intimate Portrait of Charles Darwin and the Making of His Theory of Evolution BR 16866

by David Quammen

3 volumes

Biography of Charles Darwin (1809–1882) focuses on the two decades in England during which the reclusive naturalist developed his revolutionary theories following his return in 1836 from the five-year data-gathering voyage on the *Beagle*. Examines the scientific research and introspective lifestyle that produced *The Origin of Species* (BR 12412) in 1859. 2006.

Miracle in the Andes: Seventy-two Days on the Mountain and My Long Trek Home BR 16868

by Nando Parrado

2 volumes

A Uruguayan rugby player recounts surviving the 1972 plane crash that is remembered for causing acts of heroism and cannibalism. Discusses the physical perils of subzero weather, the group's reaction upon hearing that the rescue operation was called off, and

the author's hike over the mountains for help. 2006.

A Hedonist in the Cellar: Adventures in Wine BR 16869

by Jay McInerney

2 volumes

Novelist's essays on wine, originally published in *House and Garden* magazine. McInerney explores wines from around the world as he travels to large and small vineyards in Europe, South America, New Zealand, and the United States to taste their wares. 2006.

One Hundred Questions and Answers about Overactive Bladder and Urinary Incontinence BR 16873

by Pamela Ellsworth and David A. Gordon

2 volumes

Two urologists provide a guide to help people suffering from overactive bladder and urinary incontinence. Discusses these conditions, explains their causes and treatment options, and offers tips from actual patients. 2005.

Uncommon Carriers BR 16892

by John McPhee

2 volumes

New Yorker staff writer recounts travels with people who transport freight: riding coast-to-coast with an eighteen-wheel truck driver, cruising the Illinois River with a towboat pilot, and crossing the Midwest with a coal train conductor. Discusses a French sea captain school, lobster shipments, UPS delivery, and his companions' viewpoints. 2006.

The Revenge of Gaia: Earth's Climate in Crisis and the Fate of Humanity BR 16895

by James Lovelock

2 volumes

British scientist who originated the Gaia hypothesis that Earth is a super-organism assesses the impact of human activity on the planet. Lovelock supports a transition to nuclear energy and advocates preparation for inevitable climate and social changes in the twenty-first century as a result of global warming. 2006.

Make Money, Not Excuses: Wake Up, Take Charge, and Overcome Your Financial Fears Forever BR 16920

by Jean Chatzky

3 volumes

Advice for women about short- and long-term investing. Offers four basic tips to improve one's immediate monetary picture and to guide future spending. Explains financial terminology, stock selection, retirement plans, and hiring a financial planner. Includes practical guidelines based on experience. 2006.

The Heart of a Woman BR 16950

by Maya Angelou

3 volumes

Angelou continues her memoir following *Singin' and Swingin' and Gettin' Merry like Christmas* (BR 16943). Describes her involvement in the 1960s civil rights movement and her recollections of activists such as Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin. Recounts her affair with a South African freedom fighter. 1981.

Wild Harmonies: A Life of Music and Wolves BR 17138

by Hélène Grimaud

2 volumes

French-born concert pianist reflects on her passionate connection to music and wolves. Grimaud blends recollections of being a child prodigy with commentary on classical music and wolf lore. Describes meeting her first wolf in 1991 and establishing a sanctuary in upstate New York for her beloved threatened species. 2003.

QuickFacts: Prostate Cancer; What You Need to Know—Now BR 17179

by American Cancer Society

2 volumes

A concise, comprehensive guide to prostate cancer from the American Cancer Society. Covers risk factors, causes, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment options. Features updates on research, questions men can ask their health care team, and such posttreatment concerns as follow-up care, lifestyle changes, and emotional health. Includes resources. 2007.

The True History of Chocolate BR 17183

by Sophie D. Coe and Michael D. Coe

3 volumes

Traces the development of processed chocolate from its pre-Columbian origins to its modern forms. Explains the steps involved in turning the seeds of the cacao plant into a drink. Discusses chocolate's culinary transformation in Europe and its evolution from a luxury item to food for the masses. 1996.

Redemption: The Last Battle of the Civil War BR 17190

by Nicholas Lemann

3 volumes

Chronicles post-Civil War Reconstruction's degeneration into Jim Crow laws. Describes the 1873 Easter Sunday massacre in Colfax, Louisiana, and the armed campaign of racial violence. Highlights the attempts of former Union general Adelbert Ames, governor of Mississippi, to preserve black civil rights. Violence and some strong language. 2006.

Barefootin': Life Lessons from the Road to Freedom BR 17196

by Unita Blackwell

3 volumes

Autobiography of social activist Unita Blackwell (born 1933), Mississippi's first female African American mayor. Describes her childhood in a poor sharecropping family, her involvement with the civil- and human-rights movements, and her political rise. Blackwell shares her philosophy to persevere, find meaning, and make a difference. 2006.

Too Far from Home: A Story of Life and Death in Space BR 17198

by Chris Jones

3 volumes

Describes the experiences of Americans Don Pettit and Ken Bowersox and Russian Nikolai Budarin, astronauts who became stranded on the International Space Station after the space shuttle *Columbia* exploded in 2003. Recounts the efforts of mission control in Houston and Moscow to rescue them using an old Soyuz rocket. 2007.

**Mixed: My Life in Black and White
BR 17203**

by Angela Nissel

2 volumes

Television producer recalls growing up in the 1970s and 1980s in Philadelphia with a white father and a black mother, alternating between inner-city and private schools. Describes posing as a Puerto Rican, experimenting with black activism, and struggling to find her identity separate from stereotypes. Strong language. 2006.

Adult Fiction

The King of Attolia BR 16604

by Megan Whalen Turner

3 volumes

Eugenides, still known as the *Thief* (BR 11285) of Eddis, faces palace intrigue and assassins while striving to prove himself to the people of Attolia and their queen, his new bride. Sequel to *The Queen of Attolia* (BR 13222). For junior and senior high readers. 2006.

The Witness BR 16653

by Dee Henderson

3 volumes

For years Amanda Griffin has been on the run from her dead bookie boyfriend's former client, Richard Wise. When Amanda's sisters Marie and Tracey—who think Amanda is dead—unexpectedly become millionaires, police chief Luke Granger fears for all three women's lives and races to find Amanda before Richard does. 2006.

**Miss Julia Stands Her Ground
BR 16656**

by Ann B. Ross

3 volumes

Miss Julia is happily residing with her new spouse Sam, her late husband's son Little Lloyd, and his mother Hazel Marie. When Hazel Marie's busybody uncle Brother Vernon Puckett doubts Little Lloyd's paternity, Miss Julia sets about gathering DNA evidence to prove it. 2006.

Rosebuds BR 16667

by Margaret Mayhew

2 volumes

Post-World War II England. Flora Middleton and Tally Ashby become friends at boarding school despite different backgrounds: Flora is poor while Tally is aristocratic. Their bond strengthens through young adulthood and first love, but while Tally has her choice of suitors, Flora pines hopelessly for Tally's stepbrother, Nicholas. 2004.

The Enemy of God BR 16668

by Robert Daley

3 volumes

Bronx high school friends continue their close relationship into adulthood. Gabe becomes a police commander, Andy a reporter, Frank a priest, and Earl an assistant district attorney. After Frank commits suicide, Gabe and Andy investigate his past to uncover a motive. Some violence and some strong language. 2005.

Last Night BR 16669

by James Salter

1 volume

Ten short stories that explore intimate relationships. In the title piece an as-

sisted suicide doesn't go as planned. In "Give" a wife's birthday wish is for her husband to give up his male lover. Strong language. PEN/Faulkner Award. 2005.

False Scent: An Inspector Roderick Alleyn Mystery BR 16835

by Ngaio Marsh

2 volumes

When the beloved "queen of the British theater" is murdered in a cloud of perfume, the case literally reeks with likely suspects. It is up to Superintendent Roderick Alleyn to sniff out the motives and bring the killer to justice. 1960.

The Key to Rebecca BR 16848

by Ken Follett

3 volumes

German spy Alex Wolff steals the British army's secret plans and sends them to Rommel using a code whose key lies in the pages of Daphne du Maurier's novel *Rebecca*. British major William Vandam sets out to destroy Wolff. Violence, some explicit descriptions of sex, and some strong language. 1980.

You, Maybe: The Profound Asymmetry of Love in High School BR 16861

by Rachel Vail

2 volumes

Fifteen-year-old sophomore Josie is strong and independent until popular jock Carson charms her and she falls in love. But shortly after they begin dating, Carson dumps Josie for his former girlfriend—leaving Josie brokenhearted. For junior and senior high readers. 2006.

Next BR 16884

by Michael Crichton

3 volumes

Cancer survivor Frank Burnet and his daughter and grandson are targets of an unscrupulous drug company that wants to profit from their unique disease-fighting genes. Meanwhile other genetic-engineering experiments involving a boy/chimpanzee hybrid and a talking parrot have gone awry. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2006.

Second Honeymoon BR 16887

by Joanna Trollope

3 volumes

Londoner Russell Boyd, hoping to reconnect with his wife, is ecstatic when the last of his three children leaves home. Meanwhile, wife Edie suffers from empty-nest syndrome but resurrects her acting career. When Matt, Rosa, and Ben experience setbacks and return home, the parents rethink their situation. 2006.

Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist BR 16896

by Rachel Cohn and

David Levithan

2 volumes

Strangers Nick and Norah meet at a punk-rock club and experience a night of adventure. Nick, a musician, has just had a painful breakup with his girlfriend, and brokenhearted Norah also needs reassurance. The two romp through Manhattan and fall in love. Strong language. For senior high readers. 2006.

Scrambled Eggs at Midnight BR 16921

by Brad Barkley and
Heather Hepler

2 volumes

Calliope travels around the country with her nomadic, jewelry-making mother, while Eliot lives at a North Carolina Christian fat farm run by his born-again father. The two fifteen-year-olds meet and fall in love as they struggle to grow up. For senior high readers. 2006.

The Interpretation of Murder

BR 16926

by Jed Rubenfeld

3 volumes

New York City, 1909. A serial killer is targeting the city's wealthiest heiresses. Dr. Stratham Younger enlists the help of his idol Sigmund Freud after Nora Acton survives an attack but develops hysteria. The two analysts try to unlock her memories while they investigate the crimes. Some violence. 2006.

Size Twelve Is Not Fat: A Heather Wells Mystery BR 16949

by Meg Cabot

3 volumes

To keep her Greenwich Village flat, former pop idol Heather Wells balances two jobs: working for her PI housemate Cooper Cartwright (her secret crush) and serving as an assistant college dorm director. When a female freshman dies suspiciously, Heather undertakes another vocation—spunky girl detective. Some strong language. 2006.

Soldier of Sidon BR 17111

by Gene Wolfe

2 volumes

Latro, an amnesiac Roman centurion, records each day's events in his journal as he tries to rediscover his identity. Latro finds himself in Egypt, where Prince Achaemenes sends him on a mission down the Nile to the legendary land of Nubia. Sequel to *Soldier of Arete* (BR 08672). 2006.

No Safe Place BR 17112

by JoAnn Ross

3 volumes

Chicago homicide detective Kate Delaney begins her own investigation into the death of her estranged twin in New Orleans after the local cops fail to pursue the truth. She enlists the help of a private investigator, ex-cop Nick Broussard. Strong language, some explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. 2007.

The Space between Us BR 17123

by Thrity Umrigar

3 volumes

Bombay. Parallel life experiences cause wealthy widow Sera and her impoverished, dutiful servant Bhima to form a bond, despite class differences. But when Sera tries to help Bhima solve a family problem, Sera's son-in-law undermines the women's trust in each other. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2005.

In the Belly of the *Bloodhound*: Being an Account of a Particularly Peculiar Adventure in the Life of Jacky Faber; a Bloody Jack Adventure BR 17126

by L.A. Meyer

4 volumes

Boston, 1805. Jacky Faber and her classmates are kidnapped while on a school outing to the harbor. Transported in the hold of the *Bloodhound* bound for the slave markets of North Africa, Jacky plots escape. Sequel to *Under the Jolly Roger* (BR 16476). For junior and senior high readers. 2006.

Thanksgiving Night BR 17129

by Richard Bausch

4 volumes

Eccentric old ladies Holly and Fiona connect relatives and friends in small town Point Royal, Virginia. As Thanksgiving approaches, various unresolved issues surface for Holly's son and daughter-in-law, for local priest Father John, and for widowed handyman Oliver. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2006.

Sun Kissed: The Coulter Family, Book 7 BR 17132

by Catherine Anderson

3 volumes

Rancher Samantha Harrigan and veterinarian Tucker Coulter meet while protecting a horse from its drunk owner. When her own horses are poisoned, Samantha suspects her ex-husband. But authorities think that Samantha—the insurance beneficiary—is involved. Tucker helps prove her innocence. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller. 2007.

Weep No More, My Lady BR 17133

by Mary Higgins Clark

3 volumes

Elizabeth Lange checks into a glitzy Pebble Beach, California, spa to unwind before she must testify at the murder trial of multimillionaire Ted Winters, the man accused of killing her sister—his fiancée—actress Leila LaSalle. Shocked to find Ted there, Elizabeth sets out to uncover the truth of Leila's death. 1987.

The Light of Evening BR 17137

by Edna O'Brien

2 volumes

On her death bed in a Dublin hospital, Dilly recalls her brief immigration to America in the 1920s and the accompanying love affair, her return to Ireland, her marriage, and motherhood. Meanwhile her daughter Eleanora, a divorced writer living in England, regrets her own missed happiness. 2006.

Dumb Witness: A Hercule Poirot Mystery BR 17146

by Agatha Christie

2 volumes

Belgian detective Hercule Poirot receives a two-month-old letter from wealthy spinster Emily Arundell requesting his investigative assistance. Upon arriving at her estate, Poirot discovers Miss Arundell has died. Convinced of foul play, Poirot compiles a list of suspects, including Miss Arundell's spendthrift brother and her meek companion. 1937.

**Size Fourteen Is Not Fat Either: A
Heather Wells Mystery BR 17176**

by Meg Cabot

3 volumes

New York City. Dorm advisor Heather Wells, a former pop singer, has her hands full when a resident is murdered, her ex-fiancé insists she attend his wedding, and her father is released from prison. Heather uncovers fraternity secrets while lusting for her landlord, Cooper—her ex's brother. Some strong language. 2006.

Restoring Grace BR 17184

by Katie Fforde

3 volumes

Divorcée Grace takes in artist and single mother-to-be Ellie as a boarder at the old English mansion she inherited from her aunt. The women become friends and begin renovations with some distractions from wine-shop owner Flynn Cormack and from the discovery of potentially valuable paintings. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2004.

**Murder on the Ballarat Train: A
Phryne Fisher Mystery BR 17188**

by Kerry Greenwood

2 volumes

Australia, 1928. Private detective Phryne Fisher saves all but one of her fellow first-class train passengers from death by chloroform poisoning. Elderly Mrs. Henderson has been murdered and a teenage female is discovered, suffering from amnesia. Phryne is hired to investigate. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 1991.

The Man from Stone Creek BR 17193

by Linda Lael Miller

3 volumes

1903. Ranger Sam O'Ballivan has come to Haven, Arizona, to catch a band of rustlers. Posing as the new schoolteacher, he has a bunch of unruly kids to put in order, including the brother of charming postmistress, Maddie Chancelor. Explicit descriptions of sex and some violence. 2006.

The Dragon in Lyonesse BR 17197

by Gordon R. Dickson

4 volumes

Dark powers threaten the magical, medieval land of Lyonesse, home to King Arthur's legendary Round Table knights. Sir Jim Eckert, a transplanted twentieth-century scholar, and his friends offer assistance, but the knights are reluctant to accept help. Sequel to *The Dragon and the Gnarly King* (BR 16716). 1998.

Books for Children

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

Children's Nonfiction

The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood BR 16851

by Howard Pyle
3 volumes

Recounts the legend of Robin Hood and his band of outlaws—including Little John, Friar Tuck, and Allan a Dale—who plunder the rich to help the poor. Describes mistakenly poaching the king's deer and Sherwood Forest escapades against their enemy the Sheriff of Nottingham. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1883.

Valentine's Day Is BR 16905

by Gail Gibbons
1 volume

Discusses the customs celebrated on February 14, the day of friendship and love. Explains the origins of the holiday, reveals why the heart is the symbol of Valentine's Day, and describes how to make a valentine. For grades K-3. 2006.

A Drop of Water BR 17016

by Gordon Morrison
1 volume

A drop of water on a child's fingertip leads to the exploration of its source, from clouds to rainwater flowing down the mountain. Describes the animals and flowers at the places where water passes through woods and ponds to reach the child. Includes nature notes.

PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2006.

***Behold the Bold Umbrellaphant and Other Poems* BR 17023**

by Jack Prelutsky
1 volume

Poems about whimsical animals: ballpoint penguins, pop-up toadsters, shoehornets, a clocktopus, and tearful zipperpotamuses. The lucky umbrellaphant—an elephant whose trunk ends in an umbrella—is always shaded from the sun and shielded from the rain. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4. 2006.

The Three Witches BR 17024

retold by Joyce Carol Thomas
1 volume

Three fierce, tricky witches are determined to eat a brother and sister, who are home alone. But the witches are outsmarted by a good snake, the two children, their brave grandma, and her three hound dogs. Adapted from a folktale collected by Zora Neale Hurston. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2006.

Kids to Space: A Space Traveler's Guide BR 17087

by Lonnie Jones Schorer
6 volumes

Students aged three to eighteen ask questions about planning a trip to the moon or a future orbiting hotel. More than eighty experts provide the answers on traveling and living in outer space. Covers astronauts, space exploration, and going into space with disabilities. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 2006.

El Salvador BR 17142

by Erin Foley and

Rafiz Hapipi

1 volume

An overview of Central America's smallest country. Describes the geography and environment of El Salvador and the culture, lifestyle, religion, and cuisine of its people. Also examines the country's turbulent history involving Spanish conquest and civil war, as well as twenty-first-century political and economic practices. For grades 5-8. 2005.

Writing Magic: Creating Stories That Fly BR 17206

by Gail Carson Levine

1 volume

Newbery Honor author of fiction provides advice, tips, and exercises to encourage aspiring writers. Covers story writing—from coming up with an idea and developing characters and plot to finding a publisher. Recommends practicing a lot and saving everything you write. For grades 5-8. 2006.

Children's Fiction

Peter Pan in Scarlet BR 16889

by Geraldine McCaughrean

2 volumes

England, 1926. A now-grown-up Mrs. Wendy realizes that dreams are leaking out of Neverland. Fearing for Peter Pan's life, Wendy and the Lost Boys return to Neverland with fairy Fire-flyer's assistance. Authorized sequel to *Peter Pan* (BR 15663)—the boy who never grows up. For grades 5-8. 2006.

Anne's House of Dreams: Anne of Green Gables, Book 5 BR 16891

by L.M. Montgomery

2 volumes

When Anne's sweetheart Gilbert finishes medical school, they marry and move into a little house of their own. The two experience joy and heartbreak as they begin a family. Sequel to *Anne of Windy Poplars* (BR 07430). For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1917.

Hatching Magic BR 16893

by Ann Downer

2 volumes

When a thirteenth-century wizard seeking his lost pet dragon lands in twenty-first-century Boston, he is trailed by a rival wizard and a very unhappy demon. But eleven-year-old Theodora Oglethorpe may hold the secret to setting everything right. For grades 4-7. 2003.

Aggie and Ben: Three Stories BR 16901

by Lori Ries

1 volume

Ben's father surprises him with a trip to the pet shop. After looking at all the animals, Ben chooses a dog and names her Aggie. At home Ben plays with Aggie until bedtime. Easy beginning chapter book. For preschool-grade 2. 2006.

Henry and Mudge: The First Book of Their Adventures BR 16902

by Cynthia Rylant

1 volume

Henry's parents agree to give their only child a puppy named Mudge, which quickly grows to 180 pounds. Henry and Mudge are constant com-

panions, except for one day when Mudge is lost. For grades K-3. 1987.

The Prophet of Yonwood BR 16948

by Jeanne DuPrau

2 volumes

Yonwood, North Carolina. Eleven-year-old Nickie figures out how to identify both good and evil when she witnesses the townspeople's reactions to the apocalyptic visions of their neighbor, Althea Tower. Prequel to *City of Ember* (BR 15120) and *People of Sparks* (BR 15562). For grades 5-8. 2006.

Love, Ruby Valentine BR 17025

by Laurie Friedman

1 volume

After Ruby Valentine and her feathered friend Lovebird wear themselves out preparing cards and treats for Ruby's favorite day of the year, they sleep right through Valentine's Day. But Ruby discovers that saying "I love you!" is appreciated any day. Rhymed text. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2006.

The White Ram: A Story of Abraham and Isaac BR 17026

by Mordicai Gerstein

1 volume

On the sixth day of Creation, God made a white ram. After a long wait in the Garden of Eden, God sent this ram to be a sacrifice in place of Isaac, Abraham's only son. On Rosh Hashanah, a ram's horn is blown in remembrance. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2006.

John, Paul, George, and Ben BR 17028

by Lane Smith

1 volume

Describes five little lads before they became founding fathers—John Hancock, Paul Revere, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson. Were their special personality traits annoying, even mischievous—or were they valuable in American history? A true-or-false section sets the record straight. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4. 2006.

The Moneylender's Daughter: The House of Windjammer, Book 2 BR 17127

by V.A. Richardson

3 volumes

1637. Young Adam Windjammer confronts danger in the New World as he tries to restore his family's fortune. Meanwhile in Amsterdam, moneylender's daughter Jade van Helsen struggles against her father's control and an arranged marriage. Sequel to *The House of Windjammer* (BR 15467). For grades 6-9. 2006.

Wind Rider BR 17131

by Susan Williams

2 volumes

Prehistoric Asia. Fern rescues an orphaned horse stuck in a bog and startles her community by being the first to tame and ride a horse. When she enters puberty at fourteen, Fern rejects tradition and refuses a marriage suitor, nearly losing her life for that decision. For grades 6-9. 2006.

**A True and Faithful Narrative
BR 17139**

by Katherine Sturtevant
2 volumes

London, 1680s. Wooed by her friend's brother Edward, sixteen-year-old Meg, the writer heroine of *At the Sign of the Star* (BR 14089), jokingly suggests he get himself captured by pirates. But she is chagrined when Edward is indeed taken prisoner and enslaved en route to Italy. For grades 6-9. 2006.

Dragon of the Red Dawn: Magic Tree House, Book 37 BR 17147

by Mary Pope Osborne
1 volume

Merlin the magician is feeling old and full of sorrows, so siblings Annie and Jack time travel to ancient, feudal Japan to find one of the four secrets of happiness. In the land of the samurai, Annie and Jack find Basho, the haiku poet. For grades 2-4. 2007.

Nobody's Boy BR 17148

by Jennifer Fleischner
1 volume

St. Louis, Missouri; 1850s. Lizzy, mother of thirteen-year-old George, is a good seamstress and works to buy their freedom. Meanwhile, the owner of George's friend William wants to sell William to cover debts. George needs a plan to help William escape before it is too late. For grades 5-8. 2006.

Kit Saves the Day—A Summer Story: An American Girl, Book 5 BR 17154

by Valerie Tripp
1 volume

Fifteen-year-old Will, a hobo, picks beans in Kit's garden in exchange for a meal. His adventures hopping freight

trains inspire Kit to try it. But winding up in jail was not in her plans. Sequel to *Happy Birthday, Kit!* (BR 17186). For grades 3-6. 2001.

Anne of the Island: Anne of Green Gables, Book 3 BR 17189

by L.M. Montgomery
2 volumes

Anne's world changes as she leaves Prince Edward Island for college. Her childhood friends are marrying, but while Anne hopes for love, it seems to elude her. Includes biography of Montgomery by Caroline Parry. Sequel to *Anne of Avonlea* (BR 07431). For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1915.

Kit's Surprise—A Christmas Story: An American Girl, Book 3 BR 17194

by Valerie Tripp
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Kit is not looking forward to Christmas when her family has so many money troubles. She even has a fight with her best friend, Ruthie. But, unexpectedly, helping grouchy uncle Hendrick solves some of her problems. Sequel to *Kit Learns a Lesson* (BR 17175). For grades 3-6. 2000.

The Tenth City: The Land of Elyon, Book 3 BR 17195

by Patrick Carman
1 volume

Only hours after *Beyond the Valley of Thorns* (BR 16581) ends, Alexa and her friends escape the Dark Tower. Forces are aligning for the final battle, and Alexa holds the fate of Elyon in her hands. For grades 4-7. 2006.

Criss Cross BR 17209

by Lynne Rae Perkins

2 volumes

Debbie—introduced in *All Alone in the Universe* (BR 17185)—wishes something good would happen to her. She and other young teens in her hometown experience new thoughts and feelings, question their identities, and connect and disconnect as they search for meaning in life and love. For grades 6-9. Newbery Medal. 2005.

The Deaf Musicians BR 17245

by Pete Seeger and

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Jazz pianist Lee is asked to leave his band when he loses his hearing. At sign language class, Lee meets Max who plays the sax. Riding the subway together, they form a new band with a big audience. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3 and older readers. Schneider Family Book Award. 2006.

Great Big Guinea Pigs BR 17246

by Susan L. Roth

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A tame pet guinea pig tells her child a bedtime story about their ancestors: giant 1,500-pound guinea pigs that roamed the swamp in Venezuela eight million years ago. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2006.

On the Wings of Heroes BR 17276

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Davy Bowman remembers the home-front years in Illinois during World War II, especially his two heroes—his nineteen-year-old brother, who is in the Air Force, and his father, who was injured in the previous war.

Boyhood misadventures mix with scrap drives, shortages, and the dread of telegrams. For grades 5-8. 2007.

Braille Magazines

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Boys' Life (for children and teens, monthly)
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Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine (monthly)
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Martha Stewart Living (home and entertaining; 10 issues)
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The Musical Mainstream (quarterly)
National Geographic (monthly)
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News (NLS quarterly)
Parenting (monthly except January and July)
PC World (personal computing; monthly)
Playboy (monthly)
Poetry (11 issues)

Popular Communications (monthly)
Popular Mechanics (monthly)
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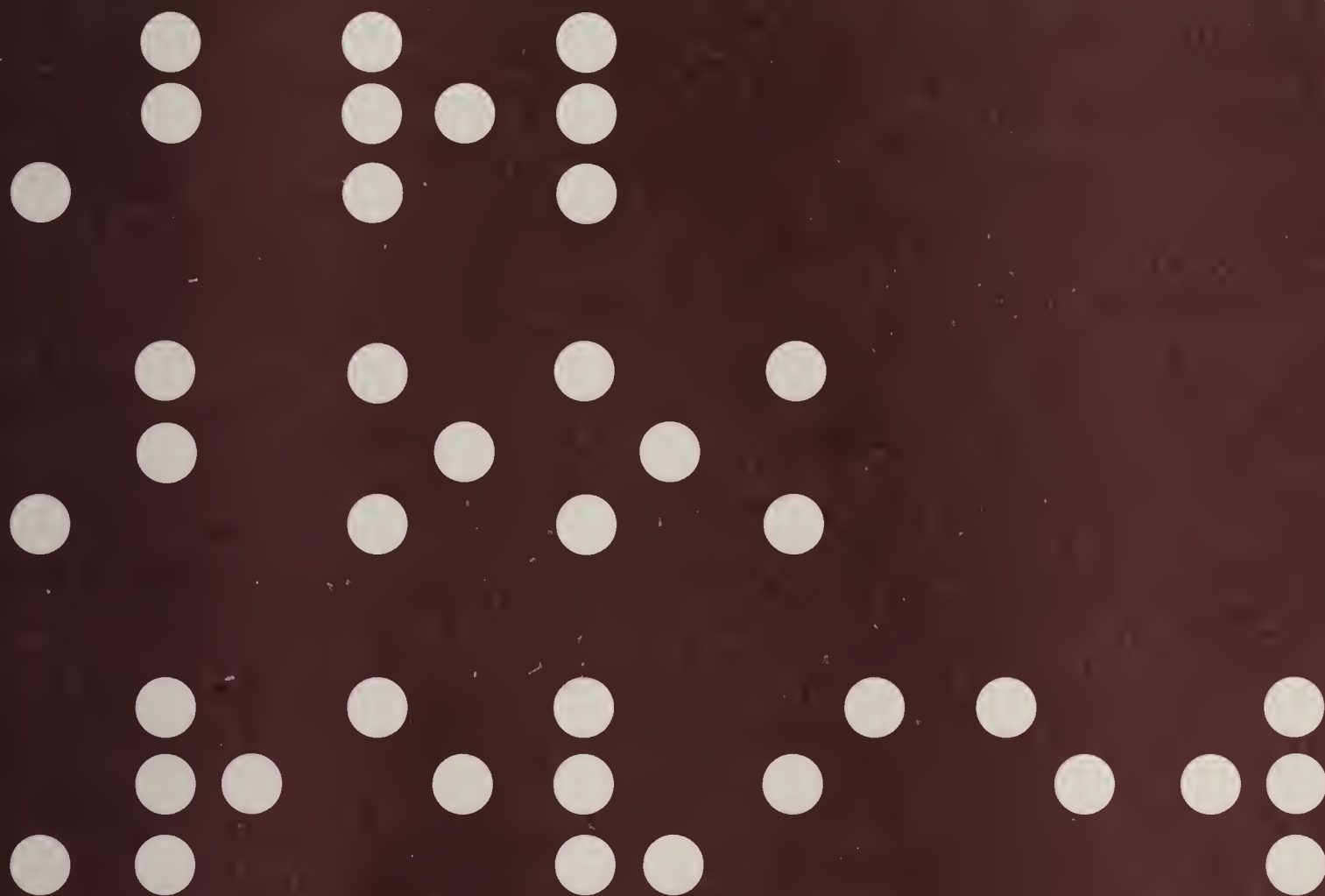
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Newsstand

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Oral Hull Foundation offers 2008 summer camps

The Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind is accepting registrations for its twenty-sixth annual adult summer camps for blind people. Adults may choose between traditional and adventure camps that offer field trips, arts and crafts, swimming, fishing, games, and entertainment in a twenty-three-acre park three miles outside of Sandy, Oregon. The adventure camps provide opportunities for participation in challenging activities like white-water rafting, hiking on Mt. Hood, sky diving, and others.

Fees for the camps are \$350, which include round-trip transportation from Portland, Oregon. Some activities may require additional fees.

For more information contact Jeff Lann, executive director of the Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind, by phone at (503) 668-6195; online at www.oralhull.org; or write to the Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind, 43233 S.E. Oral Hull Road, P.O. Box 157, Sandy, OR 97055.

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Adult Nonfiction

The Ravaging Tide: Strange Weather, Future Katrinas, and the Coming Death of America's Coastal Cities **BR 16862**

by Mike Tidwell
2 volumes

Award-winning journalist predicts global warming will lead to rising sea levels and intense, destructive coastal storms. Tidwell contends that human and environmental processes, including overdevelopment and Bush administration policies, contributed to the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and he urges a transition to clean, renewable fuels. 2006.

Fish on Friday: Feasting, Fasting, and the Discovery of the New World **BR 16870**

by Brian Fagan
3 volumes

Author of *Little Ice Age* (BR 13935) argues that Northern European fishermen arrived in North America centuries before Columbus. Using archaeological evidence and research, anthropologist Fagan posits that im-

proved ship construction and the search for cod combined with Christian doctrine to impel pre-1400 exploration of Newfoundland fishing grounds. Includes recipes. 2006.

The Girl Who Walked Home Alone: Bette Davis, a Personal Biography **BR 16899**

by Charlotte Chandler
4 volumes

Biography of cinema star Bette Davis (1908–1989) from Hollywood's Golden Age, based on interviews with Davis in the 1980s. Presents Davis's reminiscences of her personal and professional life that included four marriages and a rift with her daughter. Some strong language. 2006.

Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War **BR 16928**

by Nathaniel Philbrick
4 volumes

National Book Award-winner studies two generations of Pilgrims, from the original 102 passengers who arrived in 1620 to the handful of survivors of the 1675 King Philip's War. Describes the initial storm-tossed voyage, starvation and disease in the wilderness, and the help—and duplicity—of the natives. Some violence. Bestseller. 2006.

Why Darwin Matters: The Case against Intelligent Design **BR 16936**

by Michael Shermer
2 volumes

A creationist-turned-scientist examines the debate over evolution and intelligent design. Decodes scientific evidence to substantiate the theory of natural selection—which some Christians believe contradicts scriptural teachings—and observes the impact

on science and culture. Affirms that religion and science need not be in conflict. 2006.

Sensational Knitted Socks BR 17141

by Charlene Schurch

2 volumes

Presents basic information about knitting socks: yarn choices, technical skill requirements, and sizing. Features ten different master patterns with options for a thousand variations. Includes instructions for making solid and multi-colored socks in simple to complex designs, using a variety of needles. 2005.

Crashing Through: A True Story of Risk, Adventure, and the Man Who Dared to See BR 17156

by Robert Kurson

3 volumes

Award-winning author profiles Michael May (born 1953), who was blinded at age three and later became a champion skier, CIA analyst, and entrepreneur. Relates May's internal conflict over whether to undergo a revolutionary stem-cell procedure and a cornea transplant to restore his sight. 2007.

All God's Children Need Traveling Shoes BR 17159

by Maya Angelou

2 volumes

African American poet, actress, civil rights activist, and television producer-director recalls a 1960s pilgrimage to Ghana to connect with her ancestral roots. Describes her sadness and disillusionment at the lack of acceptance among native Ghanaians. Sequel to *The Heart of a Woman*

(BR 16950). Some strong language. 1986.

Enchantment: The Life of Audrey Hepburn BR 17199

by Donald Spoto

3 volumes

Biography of film star Audrey Hepburn (1929–1993) details her childhood in Belgium, England, and Nazi-controlled Holland, her ballet training, and her 1951 breakout role in Broadway's *Gigi*. Traces her subsequent career in films, marriages to Mel Ferrer and Andrea Dotti, and later humanitarian work with UNICEF. Some strong language. 2006.

Brother One Cell: An American Coming of Age in South Korea's Prisons BR 17200

by Cullen Thomas

3 volumes

Author recounts his arrest for drug smuggling in Seoul, South Korea, where, at twenty-three, he had taken a job teaching English. Describes his three-and-a-half-year jail term in a prison where Confucian mores reigned, thus making it a relatively safe haven. Strong language and some violence. 2007.

Lunch Box: Creative Recipes for Everyday Lunches BR 17201

by Marie Breton and

Isabelle Emond

2 volumes

Dietitians present dozens of healthy, creative, practical, and economical recipes suitable for packed lunches. Includes soups, sandwiches, salads, pizza pockets, pasta, and chicken and beef dishes along with snacks, desserts, and beverages. Provides nutri-

tional information, tips on preparation, and a four-week menu plan. 2001.

**The Complete Guide to Houseplants:
The Easy Way to Choose and Grow
Healthy, Happy Houseplants**

BR 17207

by Valerie Bradley

3 volumes

Professional horticulturist offers advice on choosing houseplants that are best suited to the light in a specific room. Also discusses growth expectations, air quality, and fragrance. Includes information on watering, propagation, pests, diseases, pruning, potting, arranging, and routine care. 2006.

**Raymond's Room: Ending the
Segregation of People with Disabilities**
BR 17277

by Dale DiLeo

2 volumes

Advocate for people with severe disabilities attacks what he calls the "disability industrial complex" for keeping persons needing assistance segregated from mainstream life. Critiques institutional programs and facilities. Proposes ways those with serious challenges can find and hold jobs and live independently in their own homes. 2007.

Adult Fiction

Dearly Beloved BR 16596

by Anne Morrow Lindbergh

2 volumes

A series of meditations on love and marriage, unfolding over the course of a wedding ceremony. Among the friends and family gathered for the

nuptials are the bride's married psychiatrist uncle, who is skeptical about monogamy; a spinster aunt; and the groom's mother, who contemplates her own unfulfilling union. 1962.

**The Clan of the Cave Bear: Earth's
Children, Book 1 BR 16674**

by Jean M. Auel

5 volumes

After her people perish in an earthquake during the Ice Age, Cro-Magnon girl Ayla is adopted by a beetle-browed Neanderthal clan. Punished repeatedly for flouting taboos, teen-aged Ayla eventually realizes she must leave the group and find her own kind. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some violence. 1980.

Second Sight: An Arcane Society Novel
BR 16676

by Amanda Quick

3 volumes

Victorian England. Venetia Milton visits Gabriel Jones's estate to photograph relics of the Arcane Society, a secret organization founded by Gabriel's alchemist ancestor. Gabriel is reported dead but surfaces later to protect Venetia and catch a murderous thief who is after his family's secrets. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 2006.

Savannah Breeze: A Savannah Novel
BR 16679

by Mary Kay Andrews

4 volumes

Homeless and broke after dating con man Reddy Millbanks, BeBe Loudermilk moves into her aging oceanfront motel, the Breeze Inn. When Reddy resurfaces BeBe plots to recover her fortune and exact revenge

with help from inn manager Harry Sorrentino and Weezie Foley from *Savannah Blues* (BR 14405). Strong language. 2006.

Paladin of Souls BR 16837

by Lois McMaster Bujold
4 volumes

Free of the madness that imprisoned her in *The Curse of Chalion* (BR 13712), dowager Royina Ista undertakes a pilgrimage of atonement. With her followers, Ista contends with gods, demons, and soldier-bandits until she is rescued by the hero of her visions. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. 2003.

Photo Finish: An Inspector Roderick Alleyn Mystery BR 16857

by Ngaio Marsh
2 volumes

Montague Reece invites Scotland Yard's Roderick Alleyn and artist wife Troy to his New Zealand estate and commissions Troy to paint his mistress, opera star Sommita. As Roderick tries to protect the singer from a nuisance photographer, rumors of drug involvement surface and Sommita is found murdered. 1980.

Come to Grief: A Sid Halley Mystery BR 16864

by Dick Francis
3 volumes

British jockey-turned-private-investigator Sid Halley implicates his friend Ellis Quint in a series of disturbing horse mutilations. The suicide of Ellis's mother, an attack by his father, and a vicious smear campaign compound Ellis's problems and increase Sid's guilt over the accusations. Some

violence and some strong language. 1995.

When in Rome: An Inspector Roderick Alleyn Mystery BR 16865

by Ngaio Marsh
2 volumes

Under cover on an international drug smuggling investigation, Scotland Yard inspector Roderick Alleyn accompanies a motley group of sightseers on a tour of Italian ruins. When their unscrupulous guide disappears and a postcard vendor is murdered, Alleyn advises the travelers not to leave town before the killer is apprehended. 1971.

Effendi: The Second Arabesk BR 16867

by Jon Courtenay Grimwood
3 volumes

Ashraf Bey, chief of detectives in El Iskandryia, Ottoman North Africa, investigates a series of brutal murders seemingly linked to wealthy industrialist Hamzah Effendi—the father of Zara, the girl he should have married. Sequel to *Pashazade* (BR 16404). Some explicit descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. 2002.

Imperium: A Novel of Ancient Rome, Book 1 BR 16871

by Robert Harris
3 volumes

Rome, 79 B.C. The elderly Tiro, once secretary and slave to the statesman Cicero, records his late master's early years as an upstart lawyer with humble beginnings. Traces Cicero's start in Roman politics with his case against Sicily's corrupt governor, Gaius

Verres, and Cicero's election to consul years later. 2006.

A Spot of Bother BR 16874

by Mark Haddon

3 volumes

Retiree George Hall, believing he has cancer, survives his family's dysfunction by ignoring his wife's affair, their gay son's disapproval of his sister Katie's choice of a second husband, and Katie's questionable motives for marrying again. Meanwhile George deteriorates. Some strong language. 2006.

Keturah and Lord Death BR 16898

by Martine Leavitt

2 volumes

When sixteen-year-old Keturah follows a hart into Lord Temsland's forest she becomes lost. Eventually Lord Death comes to claim her, but because she is able to charm him with her story, he gives her a twenty-four-hour reprieve to find her true love. For senior high readers. 2006.

Moral Disorder: Stories BR 16900

by Margaret Atwood

2 volumes

Short stories chronicle the lives of a Canadian woman and those around her, from childhood to old age. In rural and urban locales, the protagonist deals with sibling rivalry, teachers, friends and enemies, lovers, husbands, and aging parents. Some strong language. 2006.

Simply Love: Miss Martin's School for Girls, Book 2 BR 16903

by Mary Balogh

3 volumes

Regency England. Anne Jewell, an unwed mother and instructor at Miss

Martin's School for Girls, meets disfigured war veteran Sydnam Butler on an estate in Wales. As Anne fights her growing attraction to Sydnam, a wealthy estate manager, he falls in love with her. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 2006.

How to Be Popular BR 16904

by Meg Cabot

2 volumes

Indiana teen Steph finds an old book on how to be popular. She decides to improve her social status by following the advice, much to the bafflement of her friends Jason and Becca. But Steph's success leads her to question her values. For junior and senior high readers. 2006.

A Far Country BR 16932

by Daniel Mason

2 volumes

Fourteen-year-old Isabel moves from her third-world village to the city. But Isabel, who has heightened senses of hearing and sight, arrives at her cousin's shantytown only to discover that her older brother Isaias is gone. Isabel encounters contemptuous wealthy people and bureaucrats in her search. 2007.

The Lambs of London BR 16933

by Peter Ackroyd

2 volumes

Historical novel focusing on siblings Charles and Mary Lamb and their shared love of Shakespeare. Recreates nineteenth-century London homelife, the scandal surrounding a forged Shakespearean play, and Mary's insanity plea for murdering her mother. 2006.

**A Man Lay Dead: An Inspector
Roderick Alleyn Mystery BR 16940**

by Ngaio Marsh

2 volumes

Sir Hubert Handesley hosts a weekend house party at his country estate, during which assorted guests engage in a game of “murder.” When a real death interrupts their parlor game, Inspector Alleyn from Scotland Yard arrives to investigate. 1934.

**The Plains of Passage: Earth’s
Children, Book 4 BR 17119**

by Jean M. Auel

8 volumes

Ayla and Jondalar journey back to his people—the Zelandonii—with two horses Ayla has trained and a wolf she has reared. During their travels they encounter friends and enemies and enlighten each other with their histories and survival skills. Sequel to *The Mammoth Hunters* (BR 16855). Explicit descriptions of sex. 1990.

Angel of Harlem BR 17140

by Kuwana Haulsey

3 volumes

Fictionalized account of Dr. May Edward Chinn, New York City’s first African American female physician. Portrays Chinn’s life from the early 1900s through the 1930s as she struggles to pursue her career in spite of racism and personal anguish. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. 2004.

You Don’t Love Me Yet BR 17145

by Jonathan Lethem

2 volumes

Denise, Matthew, Bedwin, and Lucinda belong to a struggling Los Angeles alternative rock band. When

Lucinda cribs some lines from Carl, her lover and a professional phrase writer, he insists on joining the group as compensation. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2007.

Color of the Sea BR 17153

by John Hamamura

3 volumes

Hawaiian Isamu “Sam” Hamada, a descendant of a samurai, falls in love with Keiko after he moves to California to help his remaining family in Hiroshima. Both are caught between cultures when World War II breaks out. Some explicit descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. Alex Award. 2006.

**Spinsters in Jeopardy: An Inspector
Roderick Alleyn Mystery BR 17157**

by Ngaio Marsh

3 volumes

En route to a family vacation, Inspector Roderick Alleyn finds himself in an alpine chateâu that serves as the headquarters for a sinister cult of dope peddlers who practice bizarre religious rites. Roderick exposes a conspiracy to kidnap his son, corrupt a young girl, and murder a wealthy spinster. 1953.

The Floor of the Sky BR 17158

by Pamela Carter Joern

2 volumes

Pregnant sixteen-year-old Lila comes to stay at her grandmother Toby’s Nebraska ranch, where she contemplates her options while investigating long-buried secrets and past tragedy. What she uncovers forces Toby to re-examine her own relationships to her sister Gertie, hired hand George, and

her adopted daughter Nola Jean. Alex Award. 2006.

We Shall Not Sleep: A World War I Novel BR 17161

by Anne Perry

3 volumes

Siblings Matthew, Joseph, and Judith Reavley wind up in Flanders at the close of the war. A German officer agrees to go to England and expose the Peacemaker, a spy who had the Reavleys' parents murdered. Sequel to *At Some Disputed Barricade* (BR 17174). Some violence. 2007.

The Edge of Winter BR 17187

by Luanne Rice

3 volumes

Neve Halloran and her teenaged daughter, Mickey, move to the wind-swept Rhode Island coast after leaving Mickey's unstable father. Neve falls in love with a man who has devoted his life to caring for a wildlife sanctuary, while Mickey meets a lonely boy. 2007.

The Translator BR 17191

by Leila Aboulela

2 volumes

Four years ago, Sammar, a widow and devout Muslim, left her son with an aunt and traveled from Sudan to Scotland to work as a translator for divorced Middle Eastern historian Rae Isles. Sammar and Rae develop a deep friendship, but Rae's lack of faith complicates their romance. 1999.

Baby Love: The Coulter Family, Book 1 BR 17204

by Catherine Anderson

4 volumes

Maggie Stanley, repeatedly abused by her stepfather, escapes her Idaho home

with her baby and hides in a boxcar. Desperately ill and fearing for her son's life, she allows herself to be rescued by Rafe Kendrick, a wealthy rancher running away from his past. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1999.

The Dragon and the Fair Maid of Kent BR 17208

by Gordon R. Dickson

4 volumes

In a magical, fourteenth-century medieval realm, goblins unleash a deadly plague to exact revenge on humanity. Meanwhile, Sir Jim Eckert, a twentieth-century scholar and apprentice magician, endures an invasion of Plantagenets including Prince Edward and Joan, the Fair Maid of Kent. Sequel to *Dragon in Lyonesse* (BR 17197). 2000.

On Chesil Beach BR 17227

by Ian McEwan

1 volume

England, 1960s. Twenty-two-year-old budding historian Edward Mayhew and his bride, violinist Florence Ponting, both sexually innocent, honeymoon on the Dorset coast. Private, unvoiced anxieties and a momentary misunderstanding on their wedding night could prove disastrous to their union. Some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2007.

In Dublin's Fair City: A Molly Murphy Mystery BR 17278

by Rhys Bowen

2 volumes

New York City theater impresario Tommy Burke hires detective Molly Murphy to find his long-lost sister in Ireland—Molly's homeland. On the

voyage, Molly encounters actress Oona Sheehan, who, craving anonymity, proposes they trade identities. Soon after, Oona goes missing and her maid turns up dead. 2007.

The Warrior's Apprentice: A Vorkosigan Adventure BR 17281

by Lois McMaster Bujold
3 volumes

Born of royal lineage on Barrayar, Miles Vorkosigan tries to join the military, but he is rejected because of his stunted growth and brittle bones. Then a visit to his grandmother on Beta Colony changes everything. Some violence. 1986.

Shards of Honor: A Vorkosigan Adventure BR 17287

by Lois McMaster Bujold
2 volumes

While attacking an outpost planet, Barrayaran lord Aral Vorkosigan captures Betan astrocartographer Cordelia Naismith and holds her prisoner. They rely on each other to survive a trek across dangerous terrain, sparking a relationship that shares the struggles of culture and politics between their two worlds. 1986.

The Quilter's Homecoming: An Elm Creek Quilts Novel BR 17288

by Jennifer Chiaverini
3 volumes

1920s. Newlyweds Elizabeth and Henry Nelson leave Pennsylvania for Southern California, where Henry has supposedly purchased a ranch with their savings. But the couple has been swindled. Homeless and penniless, they work as hands on the farm they thought they owned and learn the sordid history of local residents. 2007.

The Hard Way: A Rachel Alexander Mystery BR 17289

by Carol Lea Benjamin
2 volumes

When a wealthy retired New York City businessman is pushed from a subway platform and killed by an oncoming train, his daughter hires dog-trainer-turned-PI Rachel Alexander to find the suspect—a homeless man. Rachel goes undercover with an Iraq War veteran who lives on the streets. Strong language. 2006.

Books for Children

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Children's Nonfiction

Food, Farming, and Hunting: American Indian Contributions to the World BR 16678

by Emory Dean Keoke and
Kay Marie Porterfield

2 volumes

Explains geographic variations on hunting and fishing techniques and weapons; on gathering fruits and nuts; and on domesticating plants such as corn, chilies, potatoes, cotton, tobacco, peanuts, and tomatoes—crops now raised throughout the world. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 2005.

Animal Friends: A Collection of Poems for Children BR 17027

selected by Michael Hague

1 volume

Twenty poems about pets, farm animals, and wild creatures, big and small, by many poets including Christina Rossetti, Robert Louis Stevenson, and Eileen Spinelli. In "My Puppy" by Aileen Fisher, a child describes a puppy that responds to how the child feels. PRINT/BRAILLE. For pre-school-grade 2. 2007.

A Panda's World BR 17030

by Caroline Arnold

1 volume

Follows a baby giant panda and his mother for eighteen months in their natural habitat in China. Describes the newborn's appearance, appetite, and movements. Traces his rapid growth

from skills development to independence. PRINT/BRAILLE. For pre-school-grade 2. 2006.

Strega Nona BR 17034

by Tomie De Paola

1 volume

Long ago in Italy, there lived an old lady called Strega Nona (Grandma Witch) who owned a magic pasta pot. One day when she was away, her helper Big Anthony served pasta to the whole town, but he couldn't make the pot stop. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. Caldecott Honor. 1975.

Extreme Animals: The Toughest Creatures on Earth BR 17149

by Nicola Davies

1 volume

Presents facts about animals that thrive in conditions where humans would die. Discusses polar bears in the Arctic cold, Antarctic emperor penguins, wood frogs in frozen hibernation, desert camels and reptiles, heat-loving bacteria, deep-sea sponges, and the toughest creature of all—the tiny tardigrade, or water bear. For grades 3-6. 2006.

Dominican Republic BR 17155

by Erin Foley and

Leslie Jermyn

1 volume

An overview of this Caribbean nation. Describes the geography and environment of the land as well as the culture, lifestyle, religion, arts, and food of its people. Chronicles the country's history and examines twenty-first-century government and economic practices and the challenges posed by racism and poverty. For grades 5-8. 2005.

Whoopi's Big Book of Manners

BR 17247

by Whoopi Goldberg

1 volume

Comedian's approach to good manners. Covers saying please and thank you, cell-phone and table etiquette, behavior at the movies, and being a good sport, among other topics.

PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2006.

Jamestown: The First English Colony

BR 17279

by Susan Harkins and

William H. Harkins

1 volume

Overview of the first English settlement in the New World. Describes the settlers' lack of preparation for the 1607 cross-Atlantic journey, illnesses, starvation, and interactions with Native Americans. Profiles historical figures and traces Jamestown's growth and disappearance in 1699, as residents moved to other towns. For grades 4-7. 2007.

Carver: A Life in Poems BR 17282

by Marilyn Nelson

1 volume

Poems portraying incidents in the life of multitalented George Washington Carver (1864?-1943), the botanist and inventor. Covers his start as an orphaned slave eager for education, his friendship with Booker T. Washington, and his career as a researcher at Tuskegee Institute. For grades 6-9. Coretta Scott King Award. 2001.

Hurricane Katrina: Aftermath of Disaster BR 17283

by Barb Palser

1 volume

Traces the path of the worst natural disaster in U.S. history, Hurricane Katrina, which hit the Gulf Coast in August 2005. Describes the devastation caused by the storm and people's responses, including relief efforts by organizations and individual acts of heroism. For grades 6-9. 2007.

Children's Fiction

Piratica II: Return to Parrot Island; Being the Return of a Most Intrepid Heroine to Sea and Secrets BR 16856

by Tanith Lee

3 volumes

Artemesia "Art" Blastsides, the daring pirate in *Piratica* (BR 16272), is now wed to her rescuer from the gallows but misses the sea. Eager for adventure and danger, Art agrees to be a privateer, or legal pirate, to prey on French and Spanish ships for England. For grades 6-9. 2006.

House of the Red Fish BR 16860

by Graham Salisbury

2 volumes

In this sequel to *Under the Blood-Red Sun* (BR 10261), Tomi and his family are still battling anti-Japanese feeling in 1943 Hawaii. Tomi and his friends try to salvage his father's sunken fishing boat, but Keet Wilson, a white teen, wants to stop him. For grades 5-8. 2006.

The End: A Series of Unfortunate Events, Book 13 BR 16863

by Lemony Snicket

2 volumes

Lost at sea, the Baudelaire orphans wash up on the shore of an island along with the evil Count Olaf. Sequel to *The Penultimate Peril* (BR 16300) and the last book in a Series of Unfortunate Events. For grades 4-7. 2006.

Hattie Big Sky BR 16934

by Kirby Larson

2 volumes

Montana, 1918. Sixteen-year-old orphan Hattie Inez Brooks arrives at the remote homestead claim she inherited from an unknown uncle. She expects hard work but does not anticipate the strong local anti-German prejudice directed at her good neighbors, the Muellers. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2006.

Summer of the War BR 16935

by Gloria Whelan

1 volume

Michigan, 1942. With their parents working for the war effort, Mirabelle and her siblings travel to live with their grandparents on Turtle Island. Fourteen-year-old Belle is resentful when her more sophisticated fifteen-year-old cousin Caroline joins them, but during the summer they become a real family. For grades 6-9. 2006.

A Good Day BR 17029

by Kevin Henkes

1 volume

What starts out as a bad day turns into a good day for a little yellow bird, a little white dog, a little orange fox, and a little brown squirrel. And a lucky find makes a little girl have a good

day, too. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 2007.

The Growing Story BR 17031

by Ruth Krauss

1 volume

In the springtime, a boy, a puppy, and some chicks are very small. During the summer the boy watches the puppy and chicks grow and wonders if he is growing, too. He learns the answer in the fall when he tries on last winter's clothes. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1947.

Dog and Bear: Two Friends, Three Stories BR 17032

by Laura Vaccaro Seeger

1 volume

Stories about the give-and-take friendship between a playful dachshund and a timid stuffed bear who prefers reading to action. In "Dog Changes His Name" Bear does not agree with the new names Dog suggests but thinks of one they both like. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. Boston Globe-Horn Book Award. 2007.

Changes for Kit—A Winter Story: An American Girl, Book 6 BR 17150

by Valerie Tripp

1 volume

Cincinnati, 1934; the Great Depression. Kit's grouchy uncle Hendrick dictates a letter to the newspaper complaining about hoboes. This inspires Kit to write her own letter encouraging donations of clothing and food for hobo children. Sequel to *Kit Saves the Day* (BR 17154). For grades 3-6. 2001.

**Bunnacula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery
BR 17165**

by Deborah Howe and
James Howe

1 volume

Harold, the family dog, recalls the time the Monroes brought home a cute baby bunny they found at a Dracula movie and named Bunnacula. But Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that the rabbit is really a vampire. For grades 3-6. 1979.

Blizzard of the Blue Moon: Magic Tree House, Book 36 BR 17168

by Mary Pope Osborne

1 volume

Merlin the magician sends Jack and Annie to New York during the Great Depression in 1938 when a blizzard is burying the city. Their mission is to find an ancient fantasy creature—the last unicorn. For grades 2-4. 2006.

Bad Girls, Bad Girls, Whatcha Gonna Do? BR 17202

by Cynthia Voigt

3 volumes

Mikey Elsinger and Margalo Epps, best friends since fifth grade, help each other cope with ninth-grade problems. Margalo pursues her plans in drama while Mikey puts honesty above winning in tennis, and both girls aid their friends. Sequel to *Bad Girls in Love* (BR 14572). For grades 6-9. 2006.

**Artemis Fowl: The Lost Colony
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by Eoin Colfer

3 volumes

Artemis solves temporal equations to detect demon presence and prevent catastrophe. But someone else completes the complex mathematical calcula-

tions—a twelve-year-old girl who may be as smart as Artemis, which makes her a formidable new foe. Sequel to *Artemis Fowl: The Opal Deception* (BR 16206). For grades 5-8. 2006.

**Epossumondas Saves the Day
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by Coleen Salley

1 volume

In this variation on the Louisiana folktale “Sody Sallyraytus,” each of Epossumondas’s birthday guests disappears until it is finally up to him to rescue them all and bring home the “sody” for his birthday biscuits.

PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2006.

Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship and Freedom BR 17243

by Tim Tingle

1 volume

Mississippi, before the Civil War. Martha, a Choctaw girl, makes friends with Little Mo, a slave boy on a plantation. She helps Little Mo and his family cross the river to freedom one night when his family is threatened. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 2-4. 2006.

Adèle and Simon BR 17244

by Barbara McClintock

1 volume

Paris, early 1900s. When Adèle walks her little brother Simon home from school, he loses his hat, gloves, scarf, sweater, coat, knapsack, books, and crayons and his drawing of a cat along the way. Before Mama becomes angry, there is a knock at the door. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2006.

Is There Really a Human Race?

BR 17248

by Jamie Lee Curtis

1 volume

While thinking about life as running a race, a child wonders whether it is more important to finish first or to slow down and have fun along the way. PRINT/BRAILLE. For pre-school-grade 2. 2006.

The Golden Egg Book BR 17249

by Margaret Wise Brown

1 volume

A lonely little bunny finds an egg and wonders what is inside. While the bunny naps, a baby duck hatches from the egg. When the bunny wakes up, his egg is gone—but he has a new friend. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 1947.

Getting Near to Baby BR 17286

by Audrey Couloubis

1 volume

Still reeling from the sudden death of their baby sister, Willa Jo and JoAnn are whisked away to an aunt's house while their mother recovers from depression. Unhappy with bossy Aunt Patty, Willa Jo and the now mute Little Sister retreat to the roof. For grades 5-8. Newbery Honor. 1999.

The Book of Everything BR 17292

by Guus Kuijer

1 volume

Amsterdam, 1951. Nine-year-old Thomas wishes that he could protect his mother from his abusive, religious father. Thomas wants to be happy when he grows up. He receives encouragement from many sources, including an elderly neighbor and candid

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Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy

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by Gary D. Schmidt

2 volumes

In 1911 Turner Buckminster hates being the son of the new minister in Phippsburg, Maine. Things improve for awhile when he meets Lizzie Bright Griffin, a girl from the poor nearby Malaga Island community founded by former slaves. For grades 6-9 and older readers. Newbery Honor; Printz Honor. 2004.

Braille Magazines

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Boys' Life (for children and teens, monthly)
Braille Book Review (bimonthly)
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Health Newsletters (includes **Harvard Health Letter**, **Mayo Clinic Health Letter**, and **University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter**; monthly)
Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine (monthly)
Ladies' Home Journal (monthly)
Martha Stewart Living (home and entertaining; 10 issues)
Muse (for children; 10 issues)
The Musical Mainstream (quarterly)
National Geographic (monthly)
The New York Times Large Type Weekly (weekly)
News (NLS quarterly)
Parenting (monthly except January and July)
PC World (personal computing; monthly)
Playboy (monthly)
Poetry (11 issues)

Popular Communications (monthly)
Popular Mechanics (monthly)
Popular Music Lead Sheets (irregular)
Rolling Stone (popular culture; 24 issues)
Science News (weekly)
Seventeen (for teens; monthly)
Short Stories (British monthly)
Spider: The Magazine for Children (monthly)
Stone Soup (children's writings; 5 issues)
Update (NLS quarterly)
The *Washington Post* Book World (weekly)

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In Brief

The following information is reprinted from NLS *Flash*, a newsletter created to bring current information on NLS progress in digital technology to patrons, library staff, and other interested individuals.

Flash, April 2008, volume 4, issue 1

Patrons test digital talking books and system

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) recently conducted its final test of the digital talking-book system with patrons. User comments, which are now assisting NLS to identify areas for modification before manufacturing begins, were both positive and helpful.

Fifty blind patrons of the Connecticut State Library tested a mix of standard and advanced digital talking-book players and the system over a three-week period.

“My experience testing the digital player was rewarding,” said Connecticut field test participant Bruce Woodward. “The machine was easy to use and lightweight.” Participants also appreciated the players’ compact size, speed, pitch restoration, the ability to index, and the bookmark feature, which allows readers to pick up reading right where they left off.

Advanced players were tested by fifty patrons from the NLS download pilot group. Testers appreciated the enhanced sound quality, tone, volume responsiveness, and the players’ variable speed capability.

“From opening the box to downloading and reading that first book—all was intuitive, effortless, and fun,” said download

participant Deborah Kendrick, an Ohio-based journalist.

All patrons used the machines in everyday settings as they normally would. NLS has now collected comments and suggestions from all participants and is evaluating results.

Consumers and network librarians hear digital implementation plans

Consumers, network librarians, and state librarians who serve on the Digital Transition Advisory Committee were given demonstrations of the new digital players, flash cartridges, and duplication equipment when they met at NLS Thursday, March 27, and Friday, March 28.

Senior engineer Michael Katzmann demonstrated production models of both the basic and advanced players and talking-book flash cartridges so that each member could experience the players, features and instructions. As members inserted cartridges, the players announced machine status. When they pressed keys, such as “rewind” and “fast-forward,” the room echoed with instructions. Proposals for manufacturing the player and flash cartridges are currently being evaluated and an award is expected within thirty days, Katzmann said.

announcements selectively, as space permits. The item mentioned, however, is not part of the NLS program, and its listing does not imply endorsement.

AFB guide to assistive technology products for sale

AFB Press, the publishing arm of the American Foundation for the Blind, has released the *2008 AccessWorld Guide to Assistive Technology Products*. The 2008 edition includes detailed profiles of more than 280 products for people who are blind or visually impaired, including 30 new items.

The publication offers evaluations of cell phones, PDAs, global positioning systems, screen readers, braille printers, CCTVs, and other items. Features include a comprehensive guide to buying accessible cell phones, a list of evaluations from AFB’s technology magazine *AccessWorld*, and a resource section with manufacturer names and contact information.

The *AccessWorld* Guide is for sale in paperback and as an ASCII text file on CD-ROM for \$34.95. Free online access to the Guide is provided with a print or CD-ROM purchase. Online-only access to the Guide is available for \$19.00. To order call 800-232-3044 or visit www.afb.org/store.

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Adult Nonfiction

His Oldest Friend: The Story of an Unlikely Bond BR 16600

by Sonny Kleinfeld

2 volumes

Pulitzer Prize-winning *New York Times* reporter portrays the relationship between Margaret Oliver, a ninety-three-year-old New York City nursing home resident, and Elvis Checo, a young Dominican Republic immigrant hired as Margaret’s companion by her daughter. Depicts how the arrangement evolved into genuine friendship as they shared stories and laughs. 2005.

The Healthiest Kid in the Neighborhood: Ten Ways to Get Your Family on the Right

Nutritional Track BR 16937

by William Sears and

James Sears

3 volumes

Family of medical professionals discusses nutrition for children and ways to prevent obesity and ill health. Includes tips for choosing healthy foods, teaching children to grocery shop, and

introducing new foods to the family. Discusses good carbohydrates and fats, answers questions about nutrition, and includes recipes. 2006.

The Poison Paradox: Chemicals as Friends and Foes BR 16938

by John Timbrell

4 volumes

British toxicologist explores both the harmful and the beneficial effects of synthetic and natural chemicals. Details the absorption and processing in the human body and exposure risks of specific substances such as illicit drugs, medicines, pesticides, environmental contaminants, industrial and household chemicals, and food additives. 2005.

Blind Rage: Letters to Helen Keller BR 16939

by Georgina Kleege

2 volumes

A blind professor, author of *Sight Unseen* (BR 12149), pens letters to the deceased Helen Keller and probes for the private feelings behind Keller’s idealized public image. Kleege expresses admiration for Keller but criticizes her as an unrealistic model. Speculates about Keller’s love life and personal emotions. 2006.

George Mason: Forgotten Founder BR 16942

by Jeff Broadwater

4 volumes

Biography of landowner, lawmaker, and influential member of the Virginia gentry, George Mason (1725–1792). Emphasizes Mason’s authorship of Virginia’s Declaration of Rights and the state’s constitution. Explains his opposition to ratifying the U.S. Consti-

tution because of the absence of a bill of rights. 2006.

Divine Wind: The History and Science of Hurricanes BR 17092

by Kerry Emanuel

3 volumes

Professor explains the atmospheric forces that cause tropical storms and explores the influence of such weather on human history and the arts. Discusses weather systems and forecasting and recounts remarkable historic storms including the 1935 Florida Labor Day hurricane and the seventeenth-century storm that inspired Shakespeare's play *The Tempest*. 2005.

What Got You Here Won't Get You There: How Successful People Become Even More Successful! BR 17144

by Marshall Goldsmith

3 volumes

Corporate executive coach specializing in leadership development discusses twenty workplace behaviors associated with success that can hinder further advancement. Examines the pitfalls of passing judgment, making excuses, playing favorites, and not listening, among others, and offers a systematic approach to correcting flaws. Includes anecdotes and case studies. 2007.

Religious Literacy: What Every American Needs to Know—and Doesn't BR 17162

by Stephen Prothero

4 volumes

Professor traces the rise and fall of religious knowledge in America and recommends that the study of the historical and cultural role of religion be returned to school curricula. Covers

the core tenets of the world's major religions and the differences among them. 2007.

Kabul Beauty School: An American Woman Goes behind the Veil BR 17213

by Deborah Rodriguez

2 volumes

Michigan hairdresser recounts her experiences as founder and director of the Kabul Beauty School, Afghanistan's first modern beauty academy, which she opened in 2002 after the fall of the Taliban. Describes how she taught, befriended, and empowered her students despite financial problems, language barriers, and cultural misunderstandings. Bestseller. 2007.

Heavens to Betsy! And Other Curious Sayings BR 17232

by Charles Earle Funk

2 volumes

Offers explanations for many of the expressions used in everyday speech that originated in various periods of English and American history. Covers such sayings as "to turn the tables," "in the doghouse," "raining cats and dogs," "other fish to fry," and "knock on wood." 1955.

The Shia Revival: How Conflicts within Islam Will Shape the Future BR 17234

by Vali Nasr

3 volumes

Middle East scholar discusses the schism between Shias and Sunnis in the Muslim world. Provides cultural and historical context for their traditional hostility in order to explain the animosity between Iran and Saudi Arabia and the reasons each branch

of Islam seeks dominance in the Middle East. 2006.

The Dance of Molecules: How Nanotechnology Is Changing Our Lives BR 17235

by Ted Sargent
2 volumes

Professor provides an overview of nanotechnology, the science of engineering materials at atomic and molecular levels. Describes applications in medicine (growing replacement organs), in the environment (developing alternative energy sources), and in information technology (advancing computer and communication science). For senior high and older readers. 2006.

The Living White House BR 17250

by Betty C. Monkman
2 volumes

Former White House curator pens an updated edition of this celebration of the executive mansion in its various roles since 1800: office of the commander-in-chief, home to the first family, and historic residence. Describes two hundred years of daily routines, state occasions, weddings, funerals, and renovations. 2007.

Her Way: The Hopes and Ambitions of Hillary Rodham Clinton BR 17267

by Jeff Gerth and
Don Van Natta Jr.
6 volumes

Pulitzer Prize-winning *New York Times* reporters analyze Hillary Clinton's personal and public life, including her years in Arkansas, the White House, and the U.S. Senate and as a 2008 presidential candidate. Authors conducted interviews and researched documents to portray

Clinton's legislative career, faith-based social activism, and marriage. 2007.

How to Prevent Your Stroke BR 17280

by J. David Spence
2 volumes

Neurologist's guide to reducing the risk of stroke up to 75 percent. Discusses causes and warning signs of cardiovascular disease. Stresses the importance of quitting smoking, having a diet and exercise plan, taking medication to control blood pressure and cholesterol, and undergoing surgery to widen narrow arteries. Includes recipes. 2006.

Love and Louis XIV: The Women in the Life of the Sun King BR 17291

by Antonia Fraser
5 volumes

Royal biographer, author of *The Lives of the Kings and Queens of England* (BR 15910), researches the life of French king Louis XIV (1638–1715). Highlights the influence of his pious mother; his wife, first cousin Maria Teresa of Spain; and his mistresses, including the governess of his illegitimate children. 2006.

QuickFacts: Lung Cancer, What You Need to Know—Now; Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer, Small Cell Lung Cancer BR 17346

by American Cancer Society
2 volumes

Comprehensive guide to two forms of lung cancer—small cell and non-small cell. Covers risk factors and causes, prevention and detection, diagnosis and treatment, research, and posttreatment care. Includes resources. 2007.

**Clapton: The Autobiography
BR 17352**

by Eric Clapton

3 volumes

Autobiography of rock musician Eric Clapton (born 1945), who performed with the Yardbirds, Cream, and Blind Faith before going solo in 1974. Describes his childhood in rural England, rise to stardom, alcohol and drug addictions, affairs and marriages, and personal road to recovery. Bestseller. 2007.

**On My Journey Now: Looking at
African-American History through the
Spirituals BR 17356**

by Nikki Giovanni

1 volume

Poet explains traditional spirituals from the viewpoint of the original singers—Africans in bondage—and their children. Points out the songs' universal meanings and ways they illustrate the challenges of slaves dealing with their captivity. Includes complete lyrics for quoted spirituals. For junior and senior high and older readers. 2007.

Adult Fiction

**The Fatal Fashione: An Elizabeth I
Mystery BR 16544**

by Karen Harper

2 volumes

London, 1566. Someone has murdered the royal household's starcher. Elizabeth Tudor goes undercover with the help of her herb mistress Meg Milligrew to expose the culprit desperate enough to kill for a monopoly in the new starch industry. 2006.

The Colonel's Daughter BR 16601

by Cynthia Harrod-Eagles

2 volumes

In 1954 soldier George West falls for colonel's daughter Josella Grace, unaware of her tragic past. Jo leaves George and for a decade wanders Great Britain, taking various jobs and lovers. Only when George helps Jo confront her heartache do they realize their love. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 2005.

Yellow Line BR 16654

by Sylvia Olsen

1 volume

Vince's rural Canadian high school—like the rest of his village—is divided by race. Tension arises when Vince's friend Sherry starts dating Native American Steve and Vince becomes interested in Steve's cousin Raedawn. Events lead Steve to stand up for equality. Uncontracted braille. For senior high readers. 2005.

**The Mammoth Hunters: Earth's
Children, Book 3 BR 16855**

by Jean M. Auel

7 volumes

Ice Age Europe. Eighteen-year-old Ayla, ostracized by the "flathead" clan that reared her, allies with the mammoth-hunting Mamutoi. Attended by her lover Jondalar, Ayla gradually wins acceptance through her powers as a healer. Sequel to *The Valley of Horses* (BR 16780). Explicit descriptions of sex. 1985.

Rabbit at Rest BR 16872

by John Updike

5 volumes

Fifty-five-year-old retiree Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom is winding down just as

his wife, Janice, finds new strength and purpose. Midlife sex and death issues are complicated by their son Nelson's expensive cocaine habit. Sequel to *Rabbit Is Rich* (BR 16731). Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Pulitzer Prize. 1990.

The Janissary Tree BR 17160

by Jason Goodwin

3 volumes

Istanbul, 1836. Court eunuch Yashim Togalu has orders from Sultan Mahmut II to find out who is killing military cadets. He scours the city, suspicious that the outcast Janissary corps soldiers are planning an insurrection. Violence and strong language. Edgar Allan Poe Award. 2006.

Tyrell BR 17163

by Coe Booth

3 volumes

Fifteen-year-old Tyrell lives in a Bronx homeless shelter with his "moms" and his younger brother. Tyrell is in love with two girls and tries to make good choices to avoid ending up in jail like his father. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. For senior high readers. 2006.

Ethan of Athos BR 17164

by Lois McMaster Bujold

2 volumes

Doctor Ethan Urquhart is chief of reproductive biology on Athos, a planet where women are forbidden. Athos's male population is spawned in artificial wombs using ovarian cultures brought by the founding fathers. But a genetic crisis forces Ethan to face women for the first time. 1986.

Blindsight BR 17166

by Peter Watts

3 volumes

It is 2082. Thousands of luminous alien probes surrounding Earth intercept a radio signal from an unknown source. Aboard the spaceship *Theseus* a misfit crew of explorers—a bionic biologist, a linguist with multiple personalities, a pacifist warrior, and their vampire leader—prepares for first contact. Strong language and some violence. 2006.

The Island of Doctor Moreau BR 17169

by H.G. Wells

2 volumes

Late Victorian fantasy classic in which scientific arrogance leads to horrifying consequences. In 1887 Edward Prendick is shipwrecked, rescued, and later abandoned on a mysterious island inhabited by grotesque creatures under the control of Dr. Moreau. Includes 2005 introduction by Margaret Atwood. Some violence. 1896.

The Sixth Man and Other Stories BR 17171

by Bill James

2 volumes

One poem and fourteen short stories dating back to the 1990s, several of which feature Detective Chief Superintendent Colin Harpur and Assistant Chief Constable Desmond Iles. In the title piece the English detectives investigate the demise of a born-again factory worker. Strong language and some violence. 2006.

Buddha: A Story of Enlightenment

BR 17229

by Deepak Chopra

2 volumes

A retelling of the Buddha's search for truth. The prince Siddhartha leaves behind his comfortable palace, becomes a wandering monk who faces many trials and much suffering, and transcends physical pain to achieve enlightenment as the Buddha. Includes a concise practical guide to Buddhism. Some descriptions of sex and some violence.

Bestseller. 2007.

Od Magic BR 17230

by Patricia A. McKillip

2 volumes

Brenden Vetch has a special connection with plants and herbs that is recognized by the wizard Od. She invites Vetch to become the gardener at her wizard-training school in Kelior, where the rulers control all magic. His talent makes the king suspicious and triggers a rebellion at the school. 2005.

Incantation BR 17233

by Alice Hoffman

1 volume

Spain, 1500. Sixteen-year-old Estrella, raised as a Catholic, learns of her family's secret Jewish identity. When Estrella is betrayed by her best friend, who is jealous over a boy, the authorities arrest members of Estrella's family. Some violence. For junior and senior high readers. 2006.

When Madeline Was Young BR 17236

by Jane Hamilton

3 volumes

Aaron Maciver's wife, Madeline, suffers brain damage in an accident.

Aaron remarries and the couple cares

for Madeline along with their children Mac and Louise. Mac recalls growing up in the 1960s and becoming a conscientious objector, while his cousin Buddy enlists. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2006.

The Royal Ghosts: Stories BR 17239

by Samrat Upadhyay

2 volumes

Nine tales set in twenty-first-century Nepal during the political turmoil caused by Maoist rebels. In "A Refugee," a middle-class man offers a bereft young widow and her five-year-old daughter shelter in his family's apartment. His gesture of kindness ricochets to his own detriment. 2006.

**Kingdom Come: The Final Victory
BR 17251**

by Tim LaHaye and

Jerry B. Jenkins

3 volumes

In this concluding volume of the Left Behind series, the Tribulation has ended. Jesus prevails over Satan and establishes a kingdom of Heaven on Earth. Sequel to *Glorious Appearing: The End of Days* (BR 15335).

Bestseller. 2007.

**The Reluctant Fundamentalist
BR 17252**

by Mohsin Hamid

1 volume

Lahore, Pakistan. Changez reminisces with an American about his time in the United States. Although a Princeton graduate with an impressive job and a wealthy girlfriend, Changez sympathized with the Islamic extremists behind the 9/11 terrorists attacks and returned home. Some descriptions of

sex and some strong language.

Bestseller. 2007.

The Good Guy BR 17338

by Dean Koontz

3 volumes

Timothy Carrier is having a beer at a local bar when a stranger hands him an envelope full of cash to kill a woman in a photograph. Minutes later the actual hit man approaches Tim, placing him in a moral dilemma. Some violence and some strong language.

Bestseller. 2007.

Playing for Pizza BR 17339

by John Grisham

2 volumes

Third-string quarterback Rick Dockery of the Cleveland Browns disgraces himself in a championship game and is fired. Dockery insists that his agent, Arnie, find him another job. When Arnie comes through, Dockery heads to Parma, Italy, where he faces culture shock. Bestseller. 2007.

Withering Heights: An Ellie Haskell Mystery BR 17345

by Dorothy Cannell

2 volumes

Housewife Ellie Haskell, her husband Ben, and maid Mrs. Malloy are called to Yorkshire, England, to find the missing buyer of a haunted Victorian mansion. Ben's cousin Tom won the lottery, bought the manor, and then disappeared—causing his wife and daughter to suspect former owner Lady Fiona. 2007.

Amazing Grace BR 17347

by Danielle Steel

3 volumes

An earthquake in California changes the lives of three women: Socialite

Sarah Sloane's husband's illegal hedge-fund scheme is exposed during a power outage; singer Melanie Free volunteers at a quake-refugee camp despite the wishes of her mother and boyfriend; and Sister Maggie, a nun, falls in love. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2007.

The Choice BR 17348

by Nicholas Sparks

2 volumes

North Carolina. After just one whirlwind weekend, Gabby Holland falls hard for her new neighbor Travis Parker and must choose between him and her longtime boyfriend. Years later, a tougher choice could end the relationship between Gabby and Travis forever. Bestseller. 2007.

Bungalow Two BR 17349

by Danielle Steel

3 volumes

California housewife and freelance writer Tanya Harris receives her big break—the chance to write a major Hollywood screenplay. Leaving her family, Tanya heads to the Beverly Hills Hotel and mingles with stars until another surprise opportunity comes along. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2007.

Pontoon: A Lake Wobegon Novel BR 17350

by Garrison Keillor

2 volumes

When the elderly Evelyn dies, she leaves behind instructions to have her ashes put in a bowling ball—given to her by a mysterious boyfriend—and then dropped into the lake. These arrangements conflict with another Lake Wobegon woman's unusual wedding

plans. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller. 2007.

Divisadero BR 17351

by Michael Ondaatje
2 volumes

Northern California, 1970s. Sisters Anna and Claire, along with a hired

hand named Coop, help their father on his ranch until a terrible event sends Anna away. But after twenty years Anna can no longer hide from her past. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. Bestseller. 2007.

Books for Children

The following books were recently produced for the NLS program. To order books, complete the order form and return it to your braille-lending library.

Children's Nonfiction

Jack and the Beanstalk BR 17238

by E. Nesbit
1 volume

Young Jack angers his mother by trading the family cow for a handful of colored beans, which she throws out the cottage window. The next morning when Jack sees a beanstalk reaching to the sky, he climbs it—and his adventures begin. For grades 2-4. 1908.

Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow BR 17284

by Susan Campbell Bartoletti
2 volumes

Traces the Hitler Youth movement's development during the period 1926 to 1945, when it indoctrinated German children and teens in Nazi ideology and loyalty to Hitler. Features personal accounts of members such as Elisabeth Vetter, who betrayed her own parents for objecting to Hitler. Violence. For

grades 6-9. Newbery Honor Book; Robert F. Sibert Medal. 2005.

Tiger's Story BR 17330

by Harriet Blackford
1 volume

Tells about Tiger's behavior and growth from young cub to independent adult hunter. An author's note provides facts about tigers and explains why they are an endangered species. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 2007.

After the Dinosaurs: Mammoths and Fossil Mammals BR 17343

by Charlotte Lewis Brown
1 volume

Describes ten unusual animals that lived long ago, including the woolly mammoth, the saber-toothed tiger, and the hyracotherium—the ancestor of all horses. Beginning reader. For grades K-3. 2006.

The Race for Space: The United States and the Soviet Union Compete for the New Frontier BR 17344

by Betsy Kuhn
1 volume

Discusses the beginning of the space age, from the Soviet launch of Sputnik in 1957 to the American astronauts'

moon landing in 1969, with comments on later developments. Examines the rivalry between the two superpowers and its influence on American society and government policy. For grades 6-9. 2007.

Probing Volcanoes BR 17354

by Laurie Lindop

1 volume

Examines the work of volcanologists, focusing on geological discoveries and eruption predictions. Discusses safety issues, instruments, and technological developments in the field, including the use of robots. Features Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines, Mount St. Helens in Washington state, and Hawaii's Kilauea volcano. For grades 5-8. 2003.

The Bermuda Triangle BR 17364

by Jim Whiting

1 volume

Discusses the mysterious disappearances of many ships and airplanes in the geographical triangle formed by Florida, Bermuda, and Puerto Rico. Provides a chronology of strange occurrences in the area from 1492 to 2004. Offers various explanations including scientific and supernatural. Uncontracted braille. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 2007.

Children's Fiction

**The Complete Tales of Beatrix Potter:
The Twenty-three Original Peter
Rabbit Books BR 16551**

by Beatrix Potter

2 volumes

Collection of classic stories with animal characters by British author. Pre-

sented in chronological order with a brief note about the origins of each piece. Begins with "The Tale of Peter Rabbit," first published in 1902. For grades K-3 and older readers. 1989.

**The Last of the Sky Pirates: The Edge
Chronicles, Book 5 BR 16555**

by Paul Stewart

2 volumes

Rook Barkwater's quest to become a librarian knight leads to a dangerous journey into the Deepwoods. Joining the last sky pirate, Captain Twig, to oppose the Guardians of the Night, Rook also learns more about his own past. Sequel to *Curse of the Gloamglozer* (BR 16152). For grades 6-9. 2002.

The Black Pearl BR 16606

by Scott O'Dell

1 volume

Baja California. Sixteen-year-old Ramón Salazar's misfortunes begin when he retrieves an enormous black pearl from a secluded lagoon, domain of a giant devilfish, Manta Diablo. Attempting to return the pearl, Ramón further imperils his life and his soul. For grades 5-8. Newbery Honor Book. 1967.

**The Circus Is Coming: A Picture
Parade BR 17033**

by Hilary Knight

1 volume

Children line the street to watch a circus parade with band music, clowns, tumbling acts, horses, floats of fantastic folks, prancing poodles, and—to make it complete—elephants, big and small. PRINT/BRAILLE. For pre-school-grade 2. 1978.

Library Lion BR 17035

by Michelle Knudsen

1 volume

When a lion visits the library, Miss Merriweather's main concern is whether he is obeying the rules. All is well until an emergency arises, causing the lion to break the rule about silence. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2006.

Max's ABC BR 17036

by Rosemary Wells

1 volume

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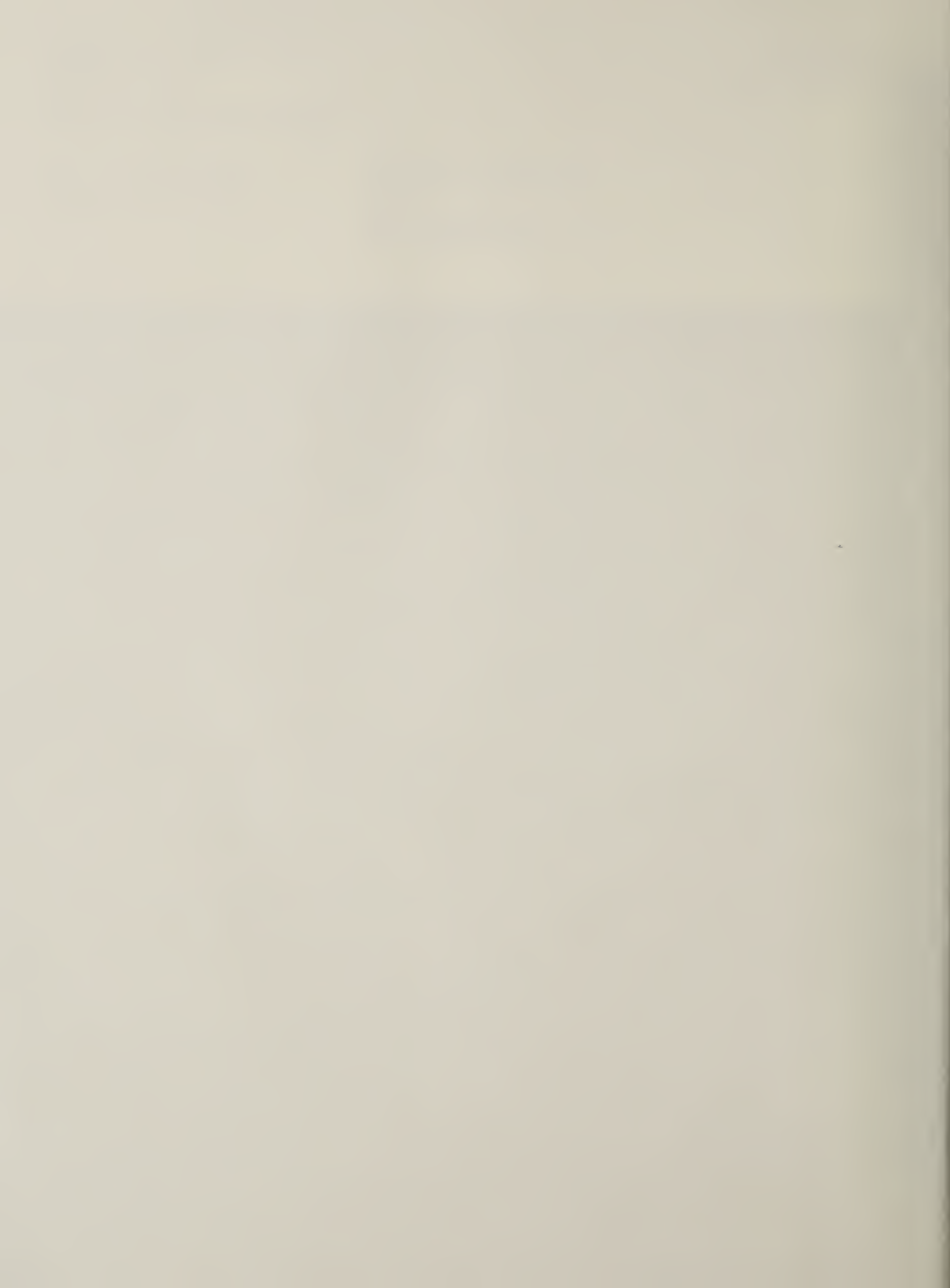
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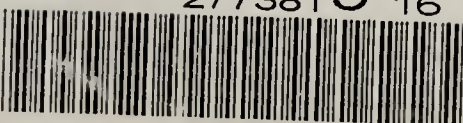
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